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## **House votes to increase transparency of higher education costs**

*House Bill 3079 would help students make informed choices*

SALEM – Today the Oregon House of Representatives passed legislation that would help students make informed, cost-effective choices about investing in higher education.

House Bill 3079 would require all higher education institutions to inform students about costs, school performance, and educational value before they enroll in a program.

“Oregon’s students deserve to have all the facts before they decide to make any major investment,” said Representative Chris Gorsek (D – Troutdale), one of the bill’s chief sponsors.

Under HB 3079, colleges and universities would be required to distribute fact sheets regarding costs, loans, completion rates for programs or degrees, average salaries, loan default rates, and other related data prior to enrolling students.

“After teaching college students for almost 30 years, I have seen what a huge difference education can make in people’s lives,” said Representative Joe Gallegos (D – Hillsboro), a member of the Higher Education and Workforce Development committee and a sponsor of HB 3079. “But I also believe that institutions have a responsibility to be upfront about costs, loans, and the proven value of the program.”

House Bill 3079 passed the House unanimously and now heads to the Senate for consideration.

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