

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL – FAVORABLE

HOUSE BILL 1530 Higher Education - Undocumented Students - Out-of-State Tuition
Exemption Eligibility

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

March 11, 2026

Dear Honorable Chair Barnes, Vice-Chair Kaiser, Members of the Committee,

I offer favorable testimony in support of **HB 1530 --Higher Education - Undocumented Students - Out-of-State Tuition Exemption Eligibility –**

The current law puts an excessive and unfair burden of proof on non-citizens. This is an obstacle for non-citizens who are eager to learn skills to contribute to American society.

Proof of attendance at a state public or nonpublic high school should be enough evidence of residence in the state. It is in our best interest to encourage motivated non-citizens to become more educated as they work toward American citizenship.

I urge the House Appropriations Committee to issue a **favorable report on HB 1530.–**

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