

Governor fields student questions on public service

Ted Kulongoski gave a speech Friday encouraging law students to do public interest and pro bono work

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Governor Ted Kulongoski touted the importance of public interest law and set forth ideas to overcome obstacles faced by many law students hoping to work in public service Friday.

"The more law students who do public interest law or pro bono work — they can go to a large firm but they actually contribute time," Kulongoski said. "I think that they do a great service for themselves, for the law profession and for the state of Oregon."

Kulongoski spoke to about 100 students at the law school, spending more than half of the hour-long event fielding questions from law students regarding public interest law.

The event was organized by the law school's Public Interest Public Service program. PIPS co-chairman Josh Reed said more than one-third of the University's graduating law classes goes into jobs for the public interest.



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Gov. Ted Kulongoski responds to a question from second-year law student Pam Hardy at a forum hosted by the Public Interest Public Service Program on Friday.

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