From:Geri Richmond <richmond@uoregon.edu>Sent:Tuesday, May 28, 2013 9:09 AMTo:Rep Komp; Sen Monroe; Rep Frederick; Rep Sprenger; Sen Girod; Sen Edwards CCc:waysandmeans.educationsub@state.or.usSubject:Please support SB 270A

Dear Legislators,

As faculty member at the University of Oregon for the past 28 years and as a former member of the State Board of Higher Education, I write in strong support of SB 270A. This vote is critical to our institutional success and to assuring the best education that we can provide for the thousands of Oregon students that we serve every year.

From my 7 years of experience on the State Board of Higher Education I firmly believe Institutional boards will strengthen post-secondary education in the state of Oregon. Institutional boards will provide knowledgeable and focused attention on the university's mission and the efficiency to achieve academic and financial goals. SB 270A provides the authorities and board composition that will enable institutional boards to contribute to our state's 40-40-20 aspirations.

I am confident that the establishment of institutional boards will benefit Oregonians by improving access the education of our students while also improving the means to promote faculty research and innovation.

Please support SB 270A with a do-pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

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