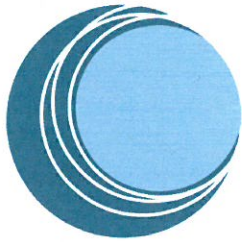


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April 11, 2019

HB 2019

Subject: Don't Leave College Students Behind in New Education Funding

Legislators have a once-in-decade opportunity to invest in Oregon students and reform Oregon's tax system, but the current plan laid out in House Bill 2019 leaves college students behind.

By 2020, 65 percent of new jobs are expected to require education and training beyond high school. To provide Oregonians the opportunity they need to thrive and for businesses to help grow the economy, we need to support students from cradle to career,

Since Measure 5, Oregon students have seen tuition increases vastly outpace inflation while programs and services have been cut because state investment fell further behind. Student debt is higher than it's even been.

Central Oregon Community College, the oldest two-year college in Oregon, provides comprehensive college services to the residents of its 10,000 square-mile district. Central Oregon Community College proudly promotes student success and community enrichment by providing quality, accessible, lifelong educational opportunities.

We respectfully urge you to support Governor Kate Brown's call for including post-secondary education in the spending proposal before this committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley T. Metcalf".

Dr. Shirley T. Metcalf
President