

This email is being sent to Senator Arnie Roblan, Representative Julie Fahey, Representative John Lively and Representative Nancy Nathanson.

Hello,

My name is Linda Schantol. I am an employee at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. I understand The Legislature has an opportunity to improve education in Oregon with House Bill 2019. Unfortunately the current version of House Bill 2019 leaves all college students behind. I understand better education is needed throughout the state but it should not be limited to K-12. Oregonians need education and training beyond high school more than ever. Community College's are an important step to the higher education of students past high school.

Community Colleges support students with early general education requirements that lead students on into the University system. Community Colleges do this with less expense to students and with smaller more intense classroom work. From the University system students work for those corporations whose taxes would be used for this House bill. Community College's also work directly with communities training students to fill positions within our own areas. My husband attended Lane for two years while unemployed taking Information Technology classes to better himself after years of working in the sheet metal industry. A colleague's husband went through our auto mechanics program after completing his GED at Lane to also better their situation. We can't offer these programs without help from the state. Please consider including Community Colleges with the proposed investments of House Bill 2019. Please include Oregon college students in the Students Success Act. Please, Community College's need your help too!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Schantol