

# Oregon Student Association



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To: House Committee on Judiciary  
From: Preciosa Cantu  
RE: Senate Bill 576, Kaylee's Law

Chair Williamson, Vice-Chairs Gorsek and Sprenger and Members of the Committee,

My name is Preciosa Cantu, my pronouns are she, her, and hers, and I am a student at LBCC. Currently, I am a freshman studying practical business management. I am also part of the student government at LBCC, serving as next year's legislative affairs coordinator. I am here today to testify in support of SB 576, also known as Kaylee's Law.

As a woman of color, it is important for me to feel safe on campus by being protected by my campus security. On Mondays and Wednesdays of this term, I often do not get out of class until after 6pm. By this time, there is usually no other students or administrators on campus. This is often a frightening experience for me, and there is not a lot of other people around to witness if something happened to me or made me feel unsafe. I should be able to rely that campus safety is there to protect me, and has the proper equipment and onboarding process to make me feel safe on campus. Campus security should be more proactive when supporting students with on-campus situations that can make students like myself feel unsafe, not contributing to situations that make students feel unsafe.

Passing Kaylee's Law would make students all across the state of Oregon feel safe and protected by CPS, not just students at Central Oregon Community College. This issue affects students all across the state of Oregon, specifically students of all ethnic and race backgrounds as well as students within the LGBTQ+ community, and it is time for the Oregon State Legislature to mandate better systems to protect these students on campus. It is important for campuses to be required to run background checks on all campus security officers they hire, that way students and administrators can be assured that they are being protected by campus security officers who are qualified to protect them.

It is time for the Oregon State Legislature to take action to make sure that all Oregon students are able to feel safe on campus, regardless of the identities they hold. Please show your support for the safety of Oregon students by passing SB 576.

Thank you for your time.

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