

Hello to the Education Committee,

My name is Chiara Cheng and I am a student at the University of Oregon.

I am here to ask you to join our students in supporting HB 2590, the Student Voice Bill.

This bill is all about making sure our colleges and universities work for all students and can help us graduate and get good paying jobs. Right now, our campuses aren't equipped to help everyone succeed. In my experience, what would help me is free tuition or more financial aid opportunities such as scholarships that would significantly reduce tuition as well as free or cheaper textbooks. This would significantly help me and would benefit not only my academic success but also my mental and physical health by removing the financial stressor in my college experience

There are many students with many different needs being met. This bill can help change that by creating a special committee to tour our campuses and look at what is working, and what is not working. This process would create an opportunity for students like me to be heard, that's why it is so important that you vote yes.

We really need to get college right in Oregon, because the future of our economy depends on it. The Oregon Employment Department projects that between 2019-2029, occupations that require higher levels of education for entry will grow fastest.

Please remember my story when you vote on this bill, and please join me in supporting HB 2590.

Thank you for your time,

Chiara Cheng