

February 4, 2021

TO: Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair Senate Education Committee  
RE: SB 713 Support

Senator Dembrow,

On behalf of Oregon's seven public universities I am writing to express our support for SB 713. The public universities are already in full compliance with this proposed legislation. The only times that a student is required to disclose prior criminal convictions is when the professional licensure requirements associated with a specific degree require that information. Examples would include Teacher Education, Criminal Justice and most health care fields. Such disclose is only requesting during the program review process which is distinct from and after the university admissions process.

The public universities recognize the critical role that a university education plays in providing individuals a path to career development, opportunities, and self-improvement. Accordingly, we are grateful for the support that you, Senator Manning Jr., Senator Frederick and Representative Sollman have extended to Oregon's public universities and the students that they serve.

Please contact me if there are any questions or if there is a way that the universities can provide additional support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

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