

Hello to the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Greyson Mbock and I am a student at Portland State University.

I am here to ask you to join our students in supporting full funding for 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, there are significant barriers in connecting to communities other than my own. What would help me is a school that is fully accessible and makes a full effort in connecting resources to the necessary populations so they can make ends meet. I would focus on aid flyers and budgeting money for vulnerable populations. .

This bill would highlight student voices like mine by creating a committee that would look at what college campuses are lacking in terms of the systems put in place for underrepresented student academic success.

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 full funding for HB 2590.

Thank you for your time,

Greyson Mbock