

Dear Co-Chairs Rayfield, Johnson, Steiner-Hayward, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Thuy Huyen. I have worked in accounting for Capital Projects and Construction for almost 19 years at Portland State University. In our Project Accounting Team department, we provide support to the PSU community by administering and accounting for Capital construction and remodeling projects. Our work helps provide the campus community with better facilities, classrooms and a positive learning environment. This Covid pandemic has been tough on everyone. We have about 800 Classified employees at Portland State University. Many of us are lucky enough to work remotely from home while others are always on campus. These essential workers are putting their lives at risk every day. They are the true heroes.

Students, faculty, staff and the seven University administrations are in unison about reaching the \$900 Million figure for the 2021-23 Biennial allotment for Public University State Funding. We know that this amount will go a long way to supporting the essential work that was done by many of our members and work that will continue being done on our University Campuses.

Additionally, fund bills that strengthen higher education-1) the "part-time faculty health care bill" (SB 551/HB 3007) that provides part-time and adjunct faculty health care options at community colleges and universities; 2) a bill that creates "student navigators on campuses" (HB 2835)- that will assist students in finding Housing; Childcare and Food resources. And finally, 3) the "student voices on campus bill" (HB 2590)- which will ensure the needs of Rural students and BIPOC families are heard and there will be a comprehensive review of higher education in all four corners of the state.

Thank you very much for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read my testimony.

Sincerely,  
Thuy Huyen