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Testimony on HB 2090
House Education Committee
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Chair Alonso Leon, and members of the Committee, my name is Karen Smith and I am General Counsel of the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA). On behalf of Oregon's 17 community colleges, I would like to express OCCA's support for HB 2090, a bill to clarify the process the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) uses to alter community college district boundaries.

In the history of Oregon's community colleges, we have added new colleges and five colleges have annexed additional counties into their service areas, but we have not faced a situation in many years until recently where the boundaries between colleges have been altered. Next week you will hear two bills to address recent changes that require Legislative approval after having gone through the process outlined in the statutory provisions before you today. OCCA appreciates the support of HECC and its staff as we worked through this process with the proposed change in the Lake County boundary change impacting Central Oregon Community College and Klamath Community College, and in Lane County involving Lane Community College.

OCCA supports the changes proposed in HB 2090 to bring more clarity to this process and urges passage of this bill.