



June 14, 2021

Chair Smith Warner and members of the House Committee on Rules,

As Presidents of public universities in Oregon, we strive to see our student athletes succeed academically and on the fields, courts, tracks, and gymnasiums. For many, the opportunity for entrepreneurship through use of their name, image, and likeness will produce financial and life lesson benefits during and beyond their college athletic career. We wholeheartedly support these opportunities for student athletes.

In line with NCAA moving toward allowing for name, image, and likeness benefits, we plan to provide this option to our student athletes as soon as we get the appropriate infrastructure set up at our institutions to best support our student athletes. This means getting our General Counsels conversant with name, image and likeness policies, hiring compliance officers, and creating programs to support student athletes with this financial opportunity.

We want to thank the sponsors, Senator Courtney and Senator Manning, for their advocacy for our student athletes and working with us on legislation that we are proud to support. We urge a yes vote on SB 5 A.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Schill'.

Michael Schill
President
University of Oregon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephen Percy'.

Stephen Percy
President
Portland State University

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Becky Johnson'.

Becky Johnson
Interim President
Oregon State University