

Hello Members of the committee,

My name is William Kinman, and I am a student at Portland State University.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB 2524, which would create mandatory fee transparency at Oregon universities and community colleges.

I have paid roughly \$2,000 in fees this term. Upon enrolling this term, I did not know how much I would be charged in fees. The fees are written in codes that are not easy to understand and where that money gets allocated. I do not know where these fees go, and even when I have asked, they said these codes and charges come from the CFO office and the faculty does not know a lot about them. I don't know a lot about the budgeting process. I can't make an accurate judgment regarding that aspect. If universities and community colleges were to be held accountable about being transparent about the mandatory fee then, they would be to explain in detail where these fees are going.

As a father of 2 kids, and a student, knowing the destination of the money I am paying will help me gain peace of mind. Sometimes we postpone buying something for our kids to provide for the school, and it is only fair to know where the money we are paying goes?

HB 2542 is about transparency and accountability at our colleges, so that students can have the information they need to manage their finances better and succeed in school.

Thank you for your time. Please vote yes on bill HB 2542.

Sincerely,

William Kinman