

Hello to the Education Committee,

My name is Isaiah Boyd and I am a Junior at University of Oregon studying Political Science. I am also the student body president for the associated students of UO.

I am writing today to ask you to vote yes on HB 2524, which would create mandatory fee transparency at all public colleges.

This term, I paid \$787.56 in fees this term. I knew that I was charged a mandatory fee, but I've never really paid any in depth attention or really understood where I could look to get an in depth breakdown of what the fees were for and how I benefited from them.

I know there are certain fees like the incidental fee and rec center fee also the emu fee. I have a relatively strong understanding of these fees, however, this is only because I've had the privilege of being in the student government so I've worked closely with these. However, my first year at the university I was completely unaware that I had to pay a group of fees on top of the already pricey tuition.

I think accountability is difficult to measure in higher education institutions. In the K-12 systems administrations are held accountable through elections by those they serve, at the state level this is the same, our representatives are elected to their roles so they are held accountable to the promises made to their constituents. Institutions of higher education only seem to have this check and balance for accountability built into the faculty and student organizations. While I am sure that every administrator labors away to do what they think is best for the student body and university as a whole, it is difficult to fully know when they are not elected to serve on the universities behalf by those that make up the university constituency.

The cost of attendance hasn't directly impacted my family, but this is primarily because I've only been able to afford to attend the university by taking out student loans. Which in the long term future of my life will likely be a burden that I will constantly weigh the benefits of.

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 this bill.

Sincerely,

Isaiah