



Date: February 25th, 2021

To: House Committee on Education

Re: OEA support for HB 2542

Chair Alonso Leon and members of the committee,

The Oregon Education Association represents 41,000 educators across Oregon, including over 4,000 employees at 10 of Oregon's 17 Community Colleges.

We believe that transparency in all finances is critical in our public institutions. Otherwise, the public can not truly know if a public institution is working in the public's interest. That is why we support HB 2542. Fees at Oregon's institutions need to be transparent.

Students deserve to know if fees are paying for services that should be covered in tuition. There should be uniform rules across the state that institutions follow. And students should have the ability to hold their institutions accountable for their spending decisions. HB 2542 does all that.

Please vote HB 2542 out of committee with a "do pass" recommendation.

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