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Chair Lively and members of the House Higher Education Committee,

Let me start by thanking you for your service to the state and serving on this committee. As Oregon's flagship public research university, the University of Oregon is committed to our mission of preparing students to contribute to society and live fulfilling lives. How we support Oregon students in higher education is essential to creating a solid future for our state. The conversations and policies you are considering during this legislative session will play an important role in how Oregon students can create benefit and access opportunities in the state.

I am extremely pleased that Marcus Langford will represent the University of Oregon at this hearing as the Dean of Students. He brings a depth of knowledge and expertise that we are grateful to have to serve our students.

The University of Oregon cares deeply for our students and wants to ensure they have the opportunity for a world-class education in a caring and supportive environment. We are devoted to educating the whole person and fostering the next generation of transformational leaders and informed participants in the global community. We strive to provide our students the opportunity to enhance the social, cultural, physical, and economic well-being of Oregon, the nation, and the world.

Please let us know if there is anything the University of Oregon can do to support the committee. We stand ready and committed to our public purpose.

Sincerely,

Patrick C. Phillips
Interim President and Professor of Biology