



# Oregon Association of Student Councils

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## *HB 2750 | Oral Testimony – Palacios\_Miles*

Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Hudson and Wright, and members of the committee.

My name is Miles Palacios and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Association of Student Councils.

I am here today to speak in support of House Bill 2750, a bill that would prohibit charging of fees or requiring participation in fundraising activities as a condition of participating in interscholastic activities.

The OASC is a nonprofit that serves youth leaders that are middle and high school aged. We work with programs from every corner of our state that serve budding leaders in student councils, clubs, sports, and other interscholastic activities.

The beauty of this work is we see first hand how youth involved in activities have access to their peers throughout their greater community. This exposure to young people with different backgrounds and lived experiences help them develop as leaders, community members, and students.

Research organized by the Alliance for Student Activities titled [Let X Equal Student Activities](#) discovered that participation in as little as one student activity decreases the likelihood that a student will drop out of school. The research also explains how activities help students boost their academic achievement, make better choices which reduce high risk behaviors, and build social and emotional skills.

Oregon has made it a priority to decrease the number of youth dropping out of high school and improve long term opportunities for students overall with programs like Measure 98, the High School Success fund, and the Student Success Act. We can strengthen this commitment by passing House Bill 2750 and dismantling financial barriers for Oregon students and their families.

Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Hudson and Wright, and members of the committee – I urge your support.

Miles Palacios  
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