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Chair Lively, Vice Chair Ruiz, Vice Chair McIntire, and members of the House Higher Education Committee, for the record my name is Prissila. I am a first-year student at the University of Oregon. I study political science, legal studies, and criminology. I am a member of OSPIRG Students UO Chapter.

“OSPIRG Students is a student-run, student-funded, nonprofit working towards our greener, healthier, meaningful future.” So far, OSPIRG students has provided me with a sense of community, access to information about issues I care about, and most importantly, confidence in the voice I have to make a change. We have been running the Hunger and Homelessness campaign, aiming to tackle food insecurity for college students and the homelessness issue here in Eugene. Growing up, food insecurity was a real concern in my household. Coming to college as a first-generation student, access to food throughout my college career has been a stressor for my family and for myself. I am grateful for the handful of resources offered at the U of O and my like-minded peers that have been in support of this bill. I have experienced firsthand how the problem of food insecurity imposes stress on students and families like mine. I implore you to consider how ignoring this problem can affect the quality of our education, mental health, and overall well-being