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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 Bella-Cherise Gorichar and I am a third-year student at the University of Oregon studying Psychology and English. I am also an active member of the OSPIRG Students UO Chapter. OSPIRG is a social and political student-led and funded activism group that focuses on campus, local, and state-wide issues. One of our current campaigns focuses on Hunger and Houselessness. Given that these issues are of a high prevalence in the Eugene community we as a collective are passionate about reducing food insecurity. Using tried and true programs on campuses such as meal point donations, food pantries and drives, and education and enrollment programs for SNAP Oregon can make a difference in ensuring the next generation of teachers, doctors, and community members are supported in their basic needs so they can thrive. Here at the university we have many food assistance programs to feed our fellow Ducks and hope that through your action and passage of this legislation, we can support more students in Higher Education in Oregon.