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Senate Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

I am Alexis Drakatos, Assistant Director of Prevention Services, in the Office of the Dean of Students at the University of Oregon. I am writing to urge your support of HB 2395.

As an alcohol and other drug educator and prevention specialist at UO, and leader of the statewide Oregon Prevention Coalition, my days are filled with transparent conversations among students, staff, and the greater community about addiction and harm prevention. Since 2019, I've gratefully partnered with HIV Alliance and CORE (Community Outreach through Radical Empowerment) to bring free Naloxone training to UO students. Our first few training courses had approximately 20 students in attendance. Recently, attendance has drastically increased at these trainings, even filling one of the largest lecture halls on campus.

Although Naloxone is widely available in Lane County through organizations like HIV Alliance and CORE, 63% of University of Oregon students report not knowing or being unsure how to access it. We're lucky that the State of Oregon allows pharmacists to prescribe it, but 70% of our students' report being unlikely to go to a pharmacy. Our students rely on campus structures, resources, and us as administrators for guidance, crisis support, and overdose prevention.

Through HB 2395, administrators like myself will more effectively be able to provide lifesaving education to the students who need it most.

Thank you for supporting and working to keep Oregonians safe.