

My name is Brianna Loucks, and I am a student at Oregon Coast Community College. I am here today to speak in support of HB 3182 and HB 3183: The Student Basic Needs and Workforce Stabilization Act, which will make important investments in student basic needs initiatives, affordable student housing initiatives, and textbook affordability.

I currently am one of the main caretakers of my seventy-two-year-old grandma and my forty-year-old mother. Both of them have major disabilities that prevent them from doing simple things like driving. This means that I'm the only person working in my family while also being a student. I pay rent of 500\$ each month, I help out with groceries because even though I make about 13k a year, we barely get 80\$ in food stamps. My younger sister had to drop out of high school due to bullying. She is now doing her GED through the same college I attend.

Any amount of financial pressure I can take is amazing. Through the Oregon grant, I was able to replace two tires for my car so I could drive through the ice to attend class and go to work. While I got lucky, I understand other students aren't as lucky. They might not qualify for the grant, and they are still going under similar financial pressure as I am.

Thank you for your time. I hope that you will support HB 3182 and HB 3183, the Student Basic Needs and Workforce Stabilization Act. Students cannot wait any longer!