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Hello everyone, Chair Lively and committee, thank you for your time today, my name is Kali Kleven and I am a sophomore at the University of Oregon. I am here testifying in support of HB 3018 today. I am the vice chair of OSPIRG Students, which is a student-run, student-funded organization here in Oregon that works to represent the student voices on issues that we care about.

For the past several weeks, I have been working on campus and with student governments throughout the state to gauge the youth's opinion on the issue of food waste and specifically, HB 3018. And to put it simply, all I have heard is overwhelming support.

Many universities in Oregon lack an effective compost system and students notice this and want it to change. We see the struggles of students who are experiencing financial difficulties and rely on food pantries for their food supply. We see the efforts on campus by groups like 'Partners for a Hunger-free Oregon' and the food waste working group developed by our student government.

We believe that HB 3018 starts the process of tackling food waste in Oregon. Throughout our tables on campus and conversations with student leaders, we have seen the confusion with food date labels and frustration with food waste from our on-campus dining facilities. This is why we want to see change.

We are doing our part to create the change we want to see, and now we are calling on you, our elected officials. We have shown you the public support and now we need to create systematic change, and that starts with HB 3018.