



A STRONG VOICE FOR OREGON'S WORKERS

To: Chair Hudson, Vice Chair Fragala, Vice Chair Harbick,
Members of the House Higher Education Committee

FR: Tan Perkins, Oregon AFL-CIO

RE: Support HB 3213

Date: 02/21/2025

My name is Tan Perkins, and I am writing today on behalf of the Oregon AFL-CIO. We represent over 300,000 workers and their families and strive to be a voice for all workers in the legislative process. The Oregon AFL-CIO stands in strong support of HB 3213.

Our affiliates and members represent every sector in Oregon's economy and help to ensure our state runs. HB 3213 seeks to ensure that the public has access to important financial information that other public entities are subjected to disclose. This policy also dictates common sense carves to allow for anonymity when appropriate, but still imparts greater transparency on where public university foundation funds come from and what they are used for.

Several other states, including California and Washington already have this policy in place. We believe that all have a right to understand where public university foundation money is coming from and how it is being used. When so many universities are facing budget issues, it is important to understand what is going on with foundations, donor dollars, and investments.

We all function better when we have the same access to information, and have the ability to make choices based on our values. This policy is nothing short of straightforward and we strongly encourage your support.

Thank you for your consideration.