

Good morning, Chair Hudson, Vice Chairs Fragala and Harbick, and members of the committee,

My name is Diana P. Morales Lopez, and I am a Student at Mt. Hood Community College. I am a member of the Oregon Community Table on Postsecondary Education and Training, Oregon's first statewide advocacy group dedicated to transforming our postsecondary education system through policy change.

I am writing 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 have lived in the country for at least 6 months and I have spent that time studying at Mt. Hood Community College. Throughout my stay, I have required certain school supports and they have given me a lot of help alongside many of my peers.

We all have different needs and different lives but these college resources support us. They do this by providing us with sufficient resources and achieve a sustainable education with support in basic needs, food and affordable textbooks. I hope these paragraphs demonstrate the great opportunity you have to provide help to thousands of students for a sustainable university or college life.

Thank you for your time, and I hope that I can count on your support of HB 3182 and HB 3183: The Student Basic Needs and Workforce Stabilization Act. Students cannot wait any longer!