

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

My name is Jane Mnjeri, and I am a student at Mt. Hood Community College involved in the program transitions-transiciones. 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'm an international student from Kenya and a first-generation student. Moving was not simple but Mt. Hood Community College has become a home away from home and I feel safe and happy here. One of the many things that I love about Mt. Hood Community College is the way that students have resources such as student basic needs which may not be available for other students in other schools. Barneys' pantry for example has been really helpful. When I forget to carry lunch or forget to get something to eat, I know that I can always go and grab something. This is really great because I'm able to concentrate in my classes and in the long run pass my classes.

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!