

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

My name is Luis Hernandez, 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.

We need these resources because we have students who are struggling. We have students who are going to school, working a job and having a family of their own to take care of. I ask please help the students with the resources they need.

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!