

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

My name is Christian McCoy, 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.

HB3182 and HB 3183 can drastically improve lives. I and many other students have faced financial struggle, have been homeless which has driven them out of school. All this assistance goes to helping the community. This is something that taxpayers want, a better system for families.

We should all care about student access to textbooks and housing. Personally, I experience homelessness redirecting a once promising future. Our elected officials can show that they want to protect futures by making education accessible for everyone. For example, roughly two-thirds of Americans do not have a degree. This is true no matter what political ideology they side with, Republicans and Democrats.

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!