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On Behalf Of:
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Chair Frederick, Vice Chair Weber, and members of the committee,

My name is Adam, and I'm a student and staff member at Portland Community College. I'm testifying in support of SB 979, which would require the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to convene a Students with Disabilities Success Workgroup.

There were several times when I struggled in school and would've benefited from better resources and more knowledge about disability in education. Students with disabilities consistently face greater challenges in academia. SB 979 responds to this by making sure the needs of disabled students are heard in the HECC. Education is a fundamental right for all, and an important part of a competent workforce and society.

In my experience at PCC, I've seen many different types of students benefit from disability education and resources. More knowledge about disability in education is never a bad thing. It fosters a supportive learning environment for all.

Thank you for your time, and I hope that I can count on your support of SB 979.