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Senate Bill 1193 is a misguided disaster, and you should be ashamed for sponsoring it. Letting colleges pay student athletes for their name, image, likeness (NIL) while tying the NCAA's hands? This isn't fairness—it's a Pandora's box that wrecks amateur sports and burdens Oregon. Let's dismantle it with facts and expose the chaos.

This kills college sports' integrity. Oregon's seven public universities (HECC 2023) rely on NCAA rules—60% of athletic budgets from ticket sales and donors (UO 2022 report). Paying athletes directly—beyond third-party NIL deals—turns schools into pro teams. NCAA data: 98% of programs lose money (2022); only UO's \$130 million revenue (2023) breaks even. Smaller schools like EOU can't compete—your bill widens gaps.

It's a financial nightmare. HECC: 160,000 students enrolled (2023), 5% athletes—8,000 kids. Even \$1,000 each yearly is \$8 million, draining tuition funds—up 15% since 2019 (HECC). Oregon's \$1 billion General Fund shortfall (DAS 2025-27) can't backstop this. Title IX mandates equal pay—double the cost for women's sports, ignored by your bill. It's reckless.

The NCAA's not the villain. Post-2021 NIL rules, athletes earned \$1 billion nationwide (NCAA 2023)—Oregon's share grew 20% (OSU 2022). Your ban on NCAA oversight invites abuse—rich schools poach talent, minors sign shady deals with “parental consent.” A 2023 Journal of Sports Economics study: NIL boosts recruiting, not education. Chaos, not progress.

Students lose, too. HECC: 62% graduate (2023)—athletes juggle more with pay schemes. Contracts can't tie to performance, but schools dodge liability? That's a legal mess—50% of NIL disputes end in court (Forbes 2024). Oregon's 25% job vacancy rate (OED 2022) needs grads, not distracted jocks.

Drop this, Manning. Fix real issues—tuition (30% of income, HECC 2023) or aid (40% unmet, 2022). SB 1193 trashes amateurism and strains Oregon's budget. Kill it before it ruins more.