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Chair and Members
Senate Interim Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you today as the State Representative for House District 7, which includes Springfield, to offer my strong support for the nomination of Devon Lawson to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission. As a constituent of my district and a dedicated advocate for education in our community, Devon has demonstrated exceptional commitment and insight that make him an outstanding candidate for this role.

Devon Lawson is a first-generation college student currently enrolled at Lane Community College, where he has firsthand experience with the challenges and opportunities facing Oregon's higher education system. At 18, he has already built an impressive record of public service, including working on over 30 political campaigns, testifying before the Oregon Legislature on key education bills, and serving on oversight committees. Earlier this year, Devon ran for the Lane Community College Board of Education, earning endorsements from educators, labor groups, and community leaders, including my own, for his vision of making community colleges more affordable, accountable, and inclusive. His priorities, such as expanding financial aid outreach, supporting wraparound services for students, and promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion, align closely with the needs of Oregon's diverse student population.

As a proud alumnus of Lane Community College myself, I have long championed accessible higher education as a pathway to economic opportunity and community strength. Devon's passion for these issues, combined with his fresh perspective as a young leader, will bring valuable representation to the HECC. He understands the importance of bridging education and workforce needs, ensuring institutions like our community colleges serve all Oregonians effectively. His nomination by

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Governor Kotek reflects his readiness to contribute at the state level, and I am confident he will work collaboratively to advance policies that benefit students, families, and our economy.

I urge the Committee to confirm Devon Lawson's nomination.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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