

February 12, 2026

RE: Support for SCR 206

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) and our Board of Directors, we write in strong support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 206, honoring the life and service of the late Senator Aaron Woods.

Senator Woods was a steadfast advocate for Oregon's community colleges and a firm believer in their role as engines of opportunity, workforce development, and community stability. His service as a member of the Clackamas Community College Board of Directors reflected a deep commitment to students and to ensuring access to high-quality, affordable education that meets the needs of local communities and employers.

During his time on the CCC board and later in the Oregon Senate, Senator Woods consistently demonstrated thoughtful leadership, practical problem-solving, and an unwavering belief in education as a pathway to economic mobility and civic engagement. He understood the unique role community colleges play in serving diverse learners and strengthening Oregon's workforce, and he brought that perspective with him into public service at every level.

SCR 206 is a fitting tribute to Senator Woods's legacy and to the values he championed throughout his life. Oregon's community colleges are grateful for his leadership, his partnership, and his enduring support of students and institutions across the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to honor Senator Woods and for your consideration of this resolution.

Sincerely,



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