

Hello to the Education Committee,

My name is Cassidy Fegles-Jones and I am a sophomore at Western Oregon University studying Political Science.

I am writing today to ask you to vote yes on HB 2542, which would create mandatory fee transparency at all public colleges.

This term, I paid \$982.41 in fees. I wasn't aware of the fees I would have to pay. For the most part, I don't know what happens to the money that I am charged.

My school's administration is not transparent about budget decisions or where the money goes. I am not aware of how they came up with how much money we are charged or the reasons why we are charged.

Fortunately, my family and I are very privileged socioeconomically, and my parents are helping me pay for school so it has not impacted my attendance. Unfortunately, I have heard many stories of my peers where they are struggling to pay for school, and have had to make very difficult decisions on what is most important for their money to go towards including food, rent, school, etc.

HB 2542 is about transparency and accountability at our colleges, so that students can have the information they need to manage their finances better and succeed in school.

Thank you for your time. Please vote yes on this bill.

Sincerely,

Kassidy