



**OSA 2012 Textbook Affordability Bill Testimony: HB 4058**

Good afternoon Co-chair Dembrow, Co-Chair Johnson, and members of the committee. Thank you for allowing me to speak today. My name is Riley Griffin I am a part of Eastern Oregon University's Student Government. I came here today to speak with my elected officials about the importance of EOU and talk to you all about the ever rising cost of textbooks.

EOU plays a very important role in this state. We educate a key region of our state and allow students who work on family farms and family business to stay in this vital region. As Deven said, EOU students are very price sensitive and we know that a disproportionate cost of our education is the ever growing cost of textbooks.

Last term I spent at least \$200 on textbooks and course materials. That is roughly 10% of my tuition. With the risk of deeper budget cuts and increasing tuition I want our state to address the rising cost of textbooks. We appreciated the work of members like yourself who helped to pass SB 365 in 2007. SB 365 band companies from bundling textbooks together. Unfortunately, this bill is not well enforced and we could be doing more. This is just one example of the many solutions out there to lower the cost of textbooks.

I hope you see the value in this taskforce and vote yes on HB 4058.

Thank you.