



In Support of HB 4058

Good Afternoon Co Chair Dembrow and Co Chair Johnson, and members of the Committee.

My name is Zachary Steele, I am a Senior at Eastern Oregon University majoring in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics. I am here to testify in support of House Bill 4058.

The stereotype is that only Science and Math majors pay excessive amounts on textbooks. Although from experience I can tell you otherwise. Last term I took 15 credit hours, and spent \$570 dollars on books alone. I took a Constitutional Law Class it which required 2 books that totaled \$350. My degree also requires a one credit hour statistics course, I paid \$100 dollars for a used edition of the book. The final Course was U.S. Economic History, in which the book cost \$80. To put this total cost into prospective I paid the equivalent of 24% of tuition at Eastern Oregon University for one term on books alone.

Even though the National Guard and Army ROTC give me educational assistance, I still have incurred a substantial debt to achieve my higher education goals. Even with the financial assistance I still pay for outrageous prices for books out of pocket. I urge you the representatives who sit on this committee to pass House Bill 4058.