



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

May 21, 2013

Ways and Means Sub-Committee on Education
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Senate Bill 270

To Members of the Committee:

As executive officers of the Associated Students of Eastern Oregon University (ASEOU), we are writing this letter in opposition to SB 270. This bill would give unequal rights and power to the larger institutions within the Oregon University System. This bill will ruin the collaborative governing efforts of OUS. The greater independence of one institution should not jeopardize the function of all other universities within the system. We would like to see a full fiscal analysis by the Ways and Means Committee to determine the exact fiscal impact this legislation will have on the State of Oregon.

We feel the Legislature needs to spend more time and resources finding suitable and sustainable funding for higher education. It is disappointing that during this session Legislators have been discussing governance changes when so many Oregon students cannot afford to attend college due to the rising cost of tuition. Institutional boards do not guarantee more funding for higher education and are not necessary at this time. Thank you for taking the time to read our letter.

Sincerely,

Evan Bryan, 2013-2014 ASEOU President Elect

Brooke Stout, 2012-2013 ASEOU Vice President for Financial Affairs