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AAUW of Oregon supports any efforts to aid students in obtaining an education to create economic stability for themselves and their families.

While AAUW focuses on women and their educational achievements many of the issues that impact women in community colleges apply to both sexes and those who are from under represented classes in our educational system.

Our national researchers released a report last spring focusing on Women in Community Colleges that addressed challenges facing women students in community colleges. It highlights some of the issues especially difficult for students who are attending part time and are parents.

While the report also speaks to the challenges of getting women into STEM fields it also speaks to issues surrounding counseling and other supports that can help student success.

One of the resources that the report contains is the 5 pages of bibliography of the research available. Our researchers are also available for questions.

I have provided the committee with the electronic executive summary of the report in electronic version. The full report is available on our national website at www.aauw.org.

Thank you for your interest in this issue and the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.