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PLEASE VOTE YES ON HB 2611-B TO SUPPORT CONTINUING KEY UNIVERSITY SHARED SERVICES AND HELP CONTROL HIGHER EDUCATION COSTS.

There have been a lot of sweeping changes to Oregon's higher education system in the past several years, but the fact remains that pooling resources saves money throughout the system.

With the break up of the Oregon University System (OUS) universities were allowed to determine whether or not to continue to share certain services that had been traditionally shared amongst all seven public universities. *However*, as part of that break up the legislature passed legislation to require that some key shared services (health benefits/PEBB, PERS, and collective bargaining) continue through at least June 30, 2015 in order to continue to take advantage of the economies of scale involved with these shared services.

Spreading the costs of these shared services throughout a larger pool brings down the overall costs to the system and helps avoid some of the increasing costs around health care and other services. HB 2611-B helps address these issues by continuing those shared services related to health care, retirement benefits, and collective bargaining for the next four years.

The Association of Oregon Faculty, the Oregon Student Association, and the Oregon Conference of the American Association of University Professors believe this policy is a sensible and necessary measure to help keep costs to the higher education system under control and ensure comparable treatment for workers at Oregon's public universities. The House Higher Education, Innovation, and Workforce Development Committee passed this bill to the floor with a bi-partisan vote.

**WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SUPPORT THIS PRUDENT POLICY AND
VOTE YES ON HB 2611-B**



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