

## **AFT-Oregon Testimony in Support of SB 1586**

The American Federation of Teachers-Oregon (AFT-Oregon) represents over 15,000 members across Oregon. Our members work in the private and public sectors in elementary and high schools, child care centers, community colleges, four-year colleges and universities.

AFT-Oregon believes that the right to vote is a fundamental right of our citizens and the foundation of a vibrant democracy. This right should include easy access to voter registration for Oregon's community college and university students. Often, Oregon's students don't vote because they missed a voter registration deadline or didn't know how to register. SB 1586 goes a long way to help increase access and awareness around voter registration at our community colleges and universities by increasing civic engagement on campus and expanding access to ballot drop sites.

On behalf of the 15,000 members of the American Federation of Teachers – Oregon we urge you to support SB 1586.