

Senator Arnie Roblan, Chair
Senate Education Committee
900 Court Street NE, S-211
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Senator Roblan and Committee Members:

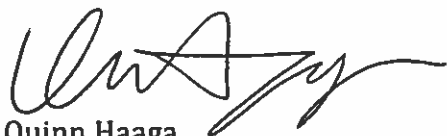
I am writing on behalf of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO) to encourage your support of Senate Bill 274 – the College Student Vaccine Education Bill. Meningitis is a life-threatening disease that disproportionately impacts college students in community housing settings, and, most frustratingly, it is a *preventable* disease for which education makes a difference! As recent as 2015, meningitis took the lives of multiple University of Oregon students, and it continues to jeopardize the health of college students throughout the state.

SB 274 would require colleges and universities with residential facilities, where meningitis risk is particularly high, to provide first-time enrolling students with information about vaccine-preventable diseases. It *would not* require students to do anything, but it *would* empower us to make informed decisions about our health care. Moreover, SB 274 leaves it up to each campus to decide how to provide the information, so they have flexibility and can do it within existing budget constraints.

Our state can make our campuses healthier simply by giving college students the information we need to make health care decisions. SB 274 would also reduce campus meningococcal outbreaks, and that means more resources and attention for our education. It's a simple solution to a very serious problem. I strongly urge you to support SB 274 on behalf of the more than 24,000 students of the University of Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Quinn Haaga', written in a cursive style.

Quinn Haaga
Student Body President
Associated Students of the University of Oregon