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To: House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

From: Cody de Sully

RE: HB 2666

Good afternoon Chair Reardon, Vice-Chair Alonso Leon and Whisnant, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cody de Sully. I am the director of Legislative Affairs at Portland Community College Sylvania. I would like to thank Chairman Reardon and the fellow members of the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development for this opportunity to speak with you about HB 2666.

HB 2666 Allows Student governments at community colleges to allocate student fees.

This issue is important to me because I have seen the positive impacts that having a student activity fee can have. It allows student governments to raise additional resources to be independent, put on campus events, provides funding for student jobs, and provides funding for educational conferences.

One example of the uses for this at Portland community college is that the students set up a food canteen where students can get snacks and bags of food. Providing this service to students not only helps them in their personal lives but in their classes. I have had countless students tell me how much this service means to them. Going to class hungry because you do not have enough money to buy food is not something any student should have to do.

Letting students at community colleges set their student activity fee would open the doors to an educational experience across Oregon.

I believe that HB 2666 takes a step forward to improve the student experience across Oregon and strengthen the student voice. Thank you for your time.