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TO: Chair Jeff Reardon
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Members of the House Higher Education and Workforce Committee

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RE: SB 274 A

On behalf of Oregon's public universities I would like to thank the proponents of SB 274 A for their work to address the cost concerns the universities had with the original bill.

Meningitis is a life-threatening disease that disproportionately impacts college students. This is highlighted by the recent outbreaks on Oregon university campuses. This bill requires that information about signs and symptoms of Meningitis is provided to students. We would suggest that one document be created by OHA that would provide the required information that could be used by all schools. When providing this type of information to students it is critical that we provide consistent and accurate information we believe that having OHA develop the document would allow this to happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration.