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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Education Subcommittee

Re: SB 231 Relating to mental health issues in higher education

Senator Roblan: "SB 231 establishes the 11-member Task Force on Student Mental Health Support, which is charged with examining the impact of mental health issues and substance abuse disorders on college recruitment, retention, and graduation.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the Oregon Health Authority are required to provide staff support to the task force. The bill appropriates \$134,000 General Fund to HECC with the expectation that HECC and OHA will enter into an inter-agency agreement to cover the costs of collecting data, conducting research, and producing the report to the Legislature recommending changes to law, mental health practices, and school policies that will ensure adequate mental health support for students.

The Education Subcommittee recommends SB 231 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended."