



American Association of University Professors

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Senator Arnie Roblan, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 1520 – Section 12 – Reporting Requirements for HECC - Support

Chair Roblan, Vice Chair Linthicum, and members of the Committee,

My name is Michael Dreiling. I am a professor at the University of Oregon, where I've taught for twenty-one years. I am president of the Oregon State Conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP-Oregon). Thank you for your service to our state, and thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you.

On behalf of the more than 3400 members of the American Association of University Professors in Oregon, our collective bargaining faculty chapters at the University of Oregon and Portland State University, and our faculty members across Oregon, I am here to ask that you please support SB 1520, Section 12.

In 2013 the Legislature passed a bill to require annual reporting of staffing campus-by-campus in an effort to get a better understanding of how many managers were supervising front line staff and faculty throughout the system. With the ever-increasing cost of higher education throughout the country and the state, this information was and is needed. This information will help to hold administrative costs in check, thereby helping limit tuition increases and strengthening front line staffing for the benefit of students and in support of our institutions' educational mission.

With the dissolution of the Oregon University System (OUS), the formation of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), and the move to independent institutional boards at each of our universities, a workgroup was formed (SB 113, 2015) to look at what updates or changes were needed to continue to receive accurate and effective information within the new higher education structure. The workgroup came up with a set of recommendations and these have been included in Section 12 of SB 1520.

We think Section 12 of this bill is an important piece to keep relevant information about Oregon's higher education system up to date and ask that you please support passage of SB 1520, Section 12.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Dreiling", is centered on a light yellow rectangular background.

Michael Dreiling, Ph.D.
President
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