



ASSOCIATION OF OREGON FACULTIES

February 7, 2018

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

Re: SB 1520, Section 12 – Support

Chair Roblan, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and members of the committee,

The Association of Oregon Faculties (AOF) is an independent organization representing faculty from Oregon's seven public universities. AOF seeks to protect and improve the working environment and fair compensation for Oregon university faculty and to help ensure that the Oregon University System gets adequate funding in the state appropriations process.

As we have seen the cost of higher education markedly rise, it has become increasingly important to make sure that every dollar is spent wisely and efficiently in Oregon. To that end the Legislature passed HB 2135 in 2013 to require annual reporting of staffing campus-by-campus in an effort to get better information of how many manager-related positions were supervising front line workers such as faculty and staff. Oregon's university system has undergone far reaching changes over the past three to four years as the system moved from a unified OUS (Oregon University System) with a chancellor, to each university creating its own independent institutional board. In addition, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission was created to help coordinate education throughout the state. Because of these changes, a workgroup was formed after passage of SB 113 (2015) to look at what updates might be needed in order to continue to receive accurate and effective information in the new higher education structure. What you see before you in Section 12 of SB 1520 encapsulates some of those recommendations.

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.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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Alan Bakalinsky, President,
On behalf of the Board,
Association of Oregon Faculties

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