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Greetings Chair Reardon and members of the Higher Education and Workforce development Committee,

My name is Konner Knudsen and I am Post Bachelorette student at Portland State University and editorial intern at Dark Horse Comics. I am writing to you in favor of creating legislation that forces state colleges and universities to be transparent about what kind of value will be placed on collage credits student earn when in high school.

I only took a single college prep course in High school but that single class has negatively impacted my entire college career. As a freshman in college I was shocked to learn that the B I had earned through a tough senior year had translated to a D, kneecapping my overall GPA from day one. Despite having an overly successful collegiate career that grade has always weighed me down and I have never been offered any sort of answers in how I could fix it. If the risk involved had been appropriately communicated to me in taking such a class in high school I would not have signed up. Its long-term effect has made me a less viable candidate than my competition for graduate school.

This problem should be addressed now in order to protect future students from wasting money, time and effort just to hinder their own success.

As Legislators you not only have the power but the responsibility to your fellow Oregonians to ensure the students of tomorrow are not being misled or taken advantage of for a profit. At the end of the day it would not be difficult or expensive for schools to be transparent about how valuable these courses will be to high school students. Their only reason for maintaining the status quo would be to avoid losing the small margin of profit made from students prematurely taking and having to retake courses.

We leave this task in your capable hands and ask that you continue to provide the foundations for a brighter tomorrow.

Hope grows by degrees.

-Konner Knudsen
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