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TO: House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee
FROM: Ricardo Lujan-Valerio, OSA Legislative Director
SUBJECT: *HB 4053*

Chair Reardon and Members of the Committee:

HB 4053 addresses a major discrepancy that currently exists for our high school students wishing to transfer their college credits from K-12 to higher education. The bill would require the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) to collect information in regard to the transferability of high school advance placement classes to higher education. This is crucial information that our education agencies need to know in order to provide an affordable, transparent, and accessible path from high school to college.

During the 2017 legislative session, this body passed HB 2998, which would address the transferability of credits from community college to universities. The intent behind this bill was to address the way institutions accepted credits from one another and that they transferred as more than just elective credits.

The spirit of this bill follows the intent of HB 2998. In order to reach our 40-40-20 goal as a state, we must make it easier for our students to understand the process of credit transferability and allow flexibility and easiness when panning on attending a public university or community college in the state.

I urge your support on HB 4053 and respectfully request that you pass it out of committee. The Oregon Student Association stands with our partners in K-12 in order to make education more accessible and affordable.

Sincerely,

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