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STATE SENATOR
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OREGON STATE SENATE
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Dear Representative Reardon,

We are writing to urge your passage of SB 1557 which requires community colleges, public universities and the Oregon Health and Science University to provide rights to students who are ordered into active duty for federal or state service for 30 or fewer consecutive days. This bill passed the Senate without a dissenting vote.

Under the press of the short session the Senate Education Committee did not have the time to consider an amendment offered by the universities and community colleges that seeks to maintain the current authority of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) over state financial aid programs. We are supportive of these amendments, as is the Oregon Student Association, and the HECC.

We urge you to include this technical change in the bill and we will work to ensure that the Senate concurs with the amended version in a timely fashion consistent with the calendar deadlines.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Senator Kim Thatcher

Kim Thatcher
Oregon State Senator, District 13

Senator Arnie Roblan

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