



## Oregon Student Association

Hi, Co-Chair Roblan, Co-Chair Smith Warner, Co-Vice Chair Knopp, Co-Vice Chair Smith and Members of the Committee

My name is Ivan and I am ASUO External Vice President at the University of Oregon. I am here to thank you all for the the amazing investments you have planned for K-12 and to ask you to carry that same momentum through the full education spectrum by also including an expansion of the Oregon Opportunity Grant to all Pell Eligible students, as well as funding investments in Career and technical Education Programs at community colleges. Legislators have a once-in-decade opportunity to invest in Oregon students.

The Oregon Opportunity Grant gives students an affordable opportunity to attend higher education especially in regards to community college students. For so many students, receiving the Oregon Opportunity Grant gives them the chance to attend school without being burdened by student loan debt. I have a friend who receives the OOG and this gives her opportunity to get the internships without worry about taking out students loan or having to work multiple jobs. Having more grants for students allows student to really focus on their schoolwork, participate in internships and other extracurriculars on campus. There are so many students that I work with on a daily basis that don't have time to get the internships because they need to work multiple jobs to be able to cover the cost of rising tuition. It's important that we continue funding the Oregon Opportunity Grant and that all students such as

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myself that are eligible for the Pell Grant are able to continue receiving the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

Thanks so much for the investments in k-12, I am so excited to see them. Let's also help students after they graduate high school by funding the Oregon Opportunity Grant and CTE programs. Thank you.

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