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To: JCSS Exhibits

**Subject:** April 11 Hearing - Supportive testimony for HB 2019

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## Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

I am a university student without children of my own so although I do not personally benefit from this act being passed, I still believe that it is a necessity. With my own eyes, I have seen the consequences of large class sizes--far too many students fall through the cracks. Smaller class sizes are proven to be more effective for students to persevere in their coursework. We cannot continue to fail future generations by cutting back on their educational budgets. Students are increasingly turning away from higher education due to fear of debt and inadequate resources so public education may be the best they can achieve. By failing to pass this act, our economy will continue to decline so although it may not personally affect a great number of people now, it will. Please think diligently about this matter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Irene Chau 13725 SE Cora St Portland, OR 97236-3544