



April 23, 2019

Co-Chairs Roblan and Smith Warner, Co-Vice Chairs Knopp and Smith and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of OR, we respectfully request your support for House Bill 3427 and adequate funding for Oregon students' success.

One need only read the name of our organization to appreciate the importance we attach to education. The fact that it contains "University" underscores rather than detracts from our dedication to ensuring that young people be provided with engaging, high quality educational opportunities.

With that perspective, we laud the efforts of the Student Success Committee in seeking to come to grips with the revenue gaps created by Measure 5 and 50. However well intentioned, the funding that was envisioned by the supporters of these Measures never eventuated.

We also appreciate the depth and breadth of the Committee's research into and consideration of the many factors that must be addressed in order for Oregon's students to experience the self respect-and dignity that comes from an educational environment that meets students on the basis of their own needs and goals. Addressing persistent inequities in the delivery of educational services is high on AAUW of OR's list of priorities, and we fully appreciate that the Committee has and will devote its resources to this issue.

Respectfully,

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