

From: [Maria Sandoval-Perez](#)
To: [LRO](#)
Cc: [Rep Nathanson](#); [Sen Hass](#)
Subject: Testimony on SB 2164 for 6-14-2019
Date: Monday, June 10, 2019 9:58:31 AM

Good morning,

I work at McMinnville High School (9-12) in McMinnville, OR. One of my responsibilities is to help our students enroll in a Individual Development Account (IDA) to help them pay tuition and required books and fees for college.

I have been in this position since 2012 and have been about to help many students continue their education with the help of an IDA. There is always more students interested than there is funding.

In addition to now enrolling students in an IDA I was also a saver myself. I was the first student at Linfield College to open an IDA. This helped me continue my education at Linfield and earn my Bachelor's degree in 2011. Because of this I was able to find a good job that has allowed me to be financially free. I also became more aware of my spending habits and have learned life-long budgeting strategies. This has caused a ripple effect within my family and my community and I have been able to share my experience with my students as well.

I ask that you please help keep IDAs available to help build a better future for Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and service to Oregon residents.

María E. Sandoval Pérez
College & Career Facilitator
McMinnville High School
P: 503.565.4314
F: 503.565.4269
msandoval@msd.k12.or.us