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Dear Chair Doherty and members of the committee,

As the Legislative Director of the Oregon Student Association, I am writing in support of HB4146 which provides health care benefits for part-time faculty members at public institution of higher education.

I am here today, speaking on behalf of our students, because HB 4146 is not only related to faculty, but our students as well. Students and faculty often face similar difficulties regarding basic need insecurities. Faculty are the frontline of success for our students. Ensuring the basic needs of faculty are met is crucial for quality education for our students.

Right now, the lack of adequate benefits for our faculty means talented educators are forced to leave the profession and find work in other fields. Our students need and deserve ongoing support and mentoring relationships with faculty. Stability in our teaching field is a crucial part of student success. For these reasons, the Oregon Student Association urges your support on HB 4146. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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