

An Affirmative Action, Equal Employment Opportunity Institution

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To the members of the 2020 Oregon Legislature,

The Oregon Community College Association and myself, on behalf of Portland Community College, greatly appreciate all the hours of work that went into the creation of LC 21- Liability Protections for Education Districts. We support this policy and ask that you vote yes.

At PCC we are concerned about the further opening of our campuses in such uncertain times. This legislation will focus our decision making on education and the safety of our students/staff. LC 21 addresses our concerns and protects only those institutions who are following directives from the Oregon Health Authority and the CDC. Rightfully so, institutions who are acting without the safety of students and staff in mind are not protected by the temporary changes in this legislation.

The health and safety of all our employees and students will remain our top priority while providing quality public education for all Oregonians. We ask for a yes vote on LC 21.

Thank you,

Emma Kallaway Portland Community College Government Relations