

## **Oregon Student Association**

Chair Smith Warner, Vice-Chairs Drazan & Holvey, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Andrew Rogers and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Student Association.

The Oregon Student Association supports HB 3021 and urges you to vote yes.

In the civic engagement work that OSA engages in to support college students in accessing the democratic process, we have seen firsthand the impacts of the lack of resources for language accessibility in our voting process. For both organizations seeking to connect the communities we serve to the vote and for the individuals themselves, lack of materials and information in a voter's language is a huge source of frustration and a huge barrier to participation.

That's why OSA supports the language accessibility and and justice in our democratic system which HB 3021 would help create, and supports the -1 amendment which directs the Secretary of State's office to post the top five spoken languages in Oregon other than English, updating this information every biennium.

Please vote yes on HB 3021.

Thank you for your consideration,

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## **OREGON STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

The Oregon Student Association (OSA) is a statewide, student-led advocacy and organizing non-profit established in 1975 to represent, serve, and protect the collective interests of students in postsecondary education in Oregon