

Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Thomsen, and members of the Senate Education committee,

My name is Kierra Wing and I am a student at the gorgeous Portland State University as well as a member of the Associate Students of Portland State's Student Fee Committee! In fact I am the Chair of the Student Fee Committee on campus!

Today I am asking you to vote yes on HB 3012 which will strengthen the existing legislation allowing student control over the student incidental fee.

Our campus student fee is so vital to students, and meets the needs of students in a unique way because it is the only source of revenue that students have democratic control over. PSU has had a robust SFC since 1975 almost 50 years ago. Originally PSU's incidental fee only funded Athletics now due student demand and student governments' work we have over 32 fee funded areas and a budget of a little over \$17 million dollars. Some of the amazing services and groups that the incidental fee funds on my campus are the Food Pantry which is a student-run food delivery and pantry service providing thousands of dollars of groceries to PSU students in need, The Vanguard our school's student-run newspaper, Services for Students with Children that provide very helpful services for the 24% of our student population that has child including 3 childcare centers on campus including the ASPSU Children's Center which is affordable drop off child care services on campus, KPSU is PSU's student-run radio show where students can have their own radio show, Student Legal Services provides students with free legal services for a variety of legal troubles facing students including immigration, name changes, and filing restraining orders! It is one of 5 free student legal programs on American University campuses. It also funds a plethora of resource centers on campus, like WRC, VRC, QRC, and the CRCs. We also have the only student-run art galleries on campus with a complete staff of student curators. That's

only scratching the surface of all the cool resources and services on my campus made possible due to the Incidental fee.

On PSU's campus, my experience as chair of the SFC is very different from my peers on Student Fee Committees on other Oregon Public University campuses. Our administration is so helpful, caring, and everything I as a leader in student government could ever ask for! They work around the clock on all our requests and ideas. They connect us with relevant resources and people. They support us and our decisions because they know we act in the best interest of PSU students because we are students at PSU. There is no admin pushiness. We have so much control and autonomy over the incidental fee and what we do with it. All decisions of the process are 100% ours and are decided from democratic methods between members of the Student Fee Committee. Our administration gives us the tools, information, power and confidence to succeed and allow us to act independently when making decisions that affect the student body. I really look up to, admire and appreciate our administrative advisors as they are total sweethearts and people I would love to be when I grow up. However this isn't the same on other Oregon campuses, I often hear genuine complaints about administration controlling the incidental fee rather than just guiding the process. My peers have said that their school's administration is blocking refunds that their SFC wants but the administration doesn't, or is forcing the incidental fee to pay for things that tuition should cover instead. Although I am blessed that that is not my experience at PSU, this legislation is essential to forcing the schools to meet the standard created by PSU and allow more student fee autonomy across Oregon!

Please vote yes on HB 3012, and thank you for your time.

Best,

Kierra Wing