

Hello the Education Committee,

My name is Jackson Rheuben and I am 2nd year at Central Oregon Community College studying Mechanical Engineering. I am writing today to ask you to vote yes on HB 2524, which would create mandatory fee transparency at all public colleges.

School is very expensive, and since 1999, mandatory fees have risen 30% more than tuition in the United States. This term in addition to tuition, textbooks and living expenses, I am having to pay \$254 in fees. I did not know how much in fees I would pay for this term prior to enrolling in my classes. I did not look into or ask advisors. Fortunately for me, fees have remained consistent. I have a general idea of where my fees go but I do not know the specifics. I think that it is important for students to know exactly where fees are going so that they know what they are funding.

HB 2542 is about transparency and accountability at our colleges, so that students can have the information they need to manage their finances better and succeed in school.

Thank you for your time. Please vote yes on this bill.

Sincerely,

Jackson Rheuben