

Hello the Education Committee,

My name is Amanda Grunwald and I am a PhD student at Portland State University.

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 \$500 in fees without knowing where it will be allocated. I do not know how much in fees I will have to pay for each term prior to enrolling in classes.

The administration at Portland State University has not been transparent and accountable to students regarding budget decisions. It should be more easily accessible for all students so they know where their money is being allocated especially since many students are going into debt because of education. I am \$80,000 in debt because of the cost of attendance.

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,

Amanda Grunwald