

Hello to the education committee,

My name is Carlos Fonseca, and I am a 4th year student at Western Oregon University, and studying exercise science.

I am writing today to ask you to vote yes on HB 2524, which would create mandatory fee transparency at all public colleges.

This term, beyond tuition, I paid roughly \$786. I did not fully know what I would be paying. My billing statement lumps tuition and fees together and there is no line by line item on the fees that I have had to pay for. I only knew about my university's incidental fee because I serve on our incidental fee committee. I knew I would have an online course fee, but I had no clue how much it would be.

if I'm being honest, I do not fully know where these fees go. I've always been told that the fees go towards maintaining upkeep on buildings and our facilities. I wouldn't say that administration is transparent. Most students that I engage with do not know where to view their account summary by term and I feel like that is somewhat intentional by the university to not educate students on how much they are paying.

I pay for my school without assistance from my family. I'm fortunate that I take out less loans than I'm eligible for, which means that as the bill expands, I am able to take out more loans as needed.

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,

Carlos