

Hello to members of the House Committee,

My name is Elisa Salgado and I am a senior at the University of Oregon.

I am a college student residing in Oregon and I support the Oregon Student Association's Textbook On Time Adoption Bill because rising textbook costs have affected several college students and their academic success. There have been several cases where I was forced to reach out to my professors to borrow their copy of the required textbook since I did not have the means to purchase it for the term. There were times where the professor could not or did not have a copy to lend me, so along with several of my classmates, we had to find alternative ways for access to the course materials. Sometimes, the worst case scenario arised where I had to drop the class because I could not pass without access to our class textbook(s). Although I could work around dropping several classes and work towards my degree on time, not all students are able to do the same without affecting their academic career.

Having the total cost of textbooks and class fees displayed at the time of class registration would allow students to plan their schedules better and avoid stressful situations like having to drop a class because they could not afford the course materials. This bill would significantly alleviate the unnecessary stress placed on college students by textbooks; therefore, I urge the committees to support HB 2919.