

From the desk of Senator Michael Dembrow 

## Support Public University Governance Reform PLEASE VOTE YES ON SB 273A

As Oregon reaches the 10-year anniversary of the creation of the Board of Trustees system (as created by SB 270, 2013), there are positive and pragmatic improvements to the public university governance system that could be enacted to better achieve the original intention of the decentralized governing structure.

With the original intention of individual boards being to bring governance of our public universities closer to campus, there is still work that needs to be done to ensure that our Boards and Board appointment process are responsive and transparent to our campus communities. SB 273A will work to fix this.

The changes proposed in SB 273A are a result of years of conversations across Oregon's public university campuses, and most recently Senator's Dembrow's workgroup on public university governance that began in the Summer of 2022.

**SB 273A increases undergraduate student representation on the Boards, adds a graduate student to Boards, encourages a trustee selection process that is more connected to campus stakeholder groups, and enacts basic transparency and accountability mechanisms that Boards must be held to.**

The changes outlined in SB 273A will be a critical step in starting to rebuild trust, bringing our campus communities closer to the governance of our public universities, and unifying all of us in the collective goal of having a strong post-secondary education system in Oregon.

**As advocates for students, faculty, staff, and higher education in Oregon, we urge you to support SB 273A. Thank you.**



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