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Chair Lively, Vice Chair Ruiz, Vice Chair McIntire, and members of the House Higher Education Committee, for the record my name is Sophie Biegel and I am a first year at the University of Oregon. I study Neuroscience and art and I am a member with OSPIRG Students UO Chapter.

OSPIRG is a student-funded and student-led political activism group. A campaign of OSPIRG this year is the Hunger and Houselessness campaign. Considering that over 70% of UO students worried about food access in 2021-22, this issue hits especially close to home. At UO, students have the opportunity to sign up for "Leftover Textover" where students are informed when there is food left over from an event. There is always a line of students at the designated location, showing that there are always students looking for food support.

Ending student food insecurity is incredibly important to folks within Higher Education in Oregon. We hope that the Oregon legislature finally passes the Hunger-Free Campus Act to take meaningful steps to end student hunger throughout the state