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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 Althea Sterup and I am a 2nd year student at University of Oregon, I study Psychology and I am a member of OSPIRG Students UO Chapter. This is a student led organization that teaches students how to advocate for political issues that they feel are the most important to them. Testifying about the Hunger Free Campus Act absolutely qualifies for this. One of the campaigns that we are currently working on focuses on hunger and homelessness, volunteering our time to help people in our community experiencing these issues. Food insecurity can be debilitating to a student's efforts towards a higher education, making them less successful and possibly forcing them to take gap years or quit all together in order to feed themselves. My parents had to take breaks during their educations so they could feed and house themselves, severely slowing down them down and probably making them less successful than they would have been if they didn't have to worry about whether or not they could afford to eat lunch. OSPIRG and UO students all over campus hope that the Oregon Legislature passes the Hunger Free Campus Act to prevent these issues across the state