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I wholeheartedly support House Bill 3089. I think this bill could be incredibly impactful in tackling food insecurity on college campuses across Oregon. I advise student leaders at Portland State University and quite often have seen students struggle to meet their basic needs. These are students who want to excel academically and to get involved and engaged on campus but may not be able to do so past a certain point due to their basic needs not being met. If a student can't find housing, food, and resources they need they aren't going to be able to succeed and be retained at colleges and this will make it a lot harder for them if they have to drop out. They may not be able to later re-enroll and so students not having their basic needs met means our communities will not be served in the same way. Graduates of Oregon colleges and universities (especially PSU and other regional universities) often give so much back to our communities and campuses so considering this bill means not only helping our students but also helping your fellow community members and all the people our students may impact. Our PSU Basic Needs Hub and PSU Food Pantry do amazing work and serve so many students and Portland community members and could be reaching so many more with the help of this bill. Please support this bill to support our students and their wellbeing.