



April 20, 2023

To: Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

From: Maureen McGee, lobbyist, Carrington College

Re: Carrington College support of SB 424

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs McIntire and Ruiz and Members of the Committee,

I write today on behalf of Carrington College to express support for SB 424, which prohibits post-secondary institutions of education from refusing to provide transcripts to current or former students because the student owes a debt to the institution.

Carrington College provides career-focused associate degree and certificate programs in healthcare majors to a diverse population of students. At our Portland, Oregon campus, we offer programs in Medical Assisting, Dental Assisting, Pharmacy Technology, Medical Billing and Coding, Massage Therapy, and Veterinary Assisting. We are an important component of the healthcare training workforce in Oregon.

Carrington College does not engage in the practice of withholding official transcripts. We recognize that access to transcripts is an important tool for students to access employment and further higher education. We communicate respectfully with our students if they fall behind in their financial commitment to the institution, but do not connect their financial standing with ready access to their earned academic credentials or transcripts.

We believe that SB 424 is a positive step toward eliminating barriers to accessing transcripts, and thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of this measure.

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