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As an alumna of two Oregon public universities and a staff member at one I am in full support of HB 4162. Both as an alumna and now as a staff member I see everyday that aid to our Oregon college students in the form of OERs and other basic needs resources such as food pantry funding would dramatically increase the amount of students we are able to retain. Primarily why I see students leave the institution I work at is not due to academic or social factors but is instead because they can't afford the expenses associated with school and therefore must make hard decisions about balancing their academic/professional success and their basic needs. Supporting this bill and funding would mean that Oregon college students would have access to the resources they need to succeed at college and that these resources would be uniquely tailored to each campus. This could mean tailoring resources to international students, student parents, family caretakers, and other demographic groups with increased need on that particular campus which would not only improve their experiences as students but also improve the diversity and success of the Oregon workforce and communities. While it is sad to see that there is an increased need for these resources it is also important that we as a state honor that and do right by Oregon college students in the classroom and outside of it as well.