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We are the **Associated Students of Oregon State University**—Oregon State University's official institution of student democracy. We provide a voice to 25,000 students in Corvallis and advocate for the issues they care about in the deliberation and enactment of campus-wide policy. It is our goal to bring the interests of the student body to the table on a campus, state, and federal level.

We aim to show our unwavering support for the **Student Basic Needs and Workforce Stabilization Act** on behalf of our constituents:

HB 3182: Relating to Aid to Students in Higher Education; Declaring an Emergency

As students of Oregon State University, we are fortunate to be home to Oregon's best Basic Needs program. As a result, we have witnessed the immense impact that basic needs funding provides to students on every level, coming from all backgrounds. Having access to assistance amid relentless inflation is vital for student success. As prices rise in Oregon, it is crucial that our basic needs center possesses the necessary resources to continue providing students with essential food assistance, housing opportunities, and educational materials. Corvallis is consistently ranked the most rent-burdened community in Oregon. The establishment of a task force for student housing is essential to tackling this ongoing issue affecting the majority of our student population. Additionally, nonprofit organizations that provide affordable housing support require funding to better assist low-income students in securing housing.

HB 3183: Relating to the Open Educational Resources Program; Declaring an Emergency

The Oregon Open Educational Resources Program established under ORS 348.748 to 348.757 has provided unparalleled assistance to students. Since the 1960s, Oregon State University's Open Educational Resources Unit (OERU) has awarded over \$100,000 worth of grants, provided over 20,000 textbook downloads for students, and provided clarity on Low & No-Cost course materials. Funding for this unit directly benefits students by ensuring access to essential educational materials that some might otherwise be unable to afford.

We thank you for your time and collaboration. If you have any questions or want to discuss further, please contact us via the email address or phone number listed above.