



NO STUDENT SHOULD GO HUNGRY, HOUSELESS, OR BE PRICED OUT OF THEIR EDUCATION

Help us work toward making this a reality for Oregonians by supporting **The Student Basic Needs Package**



College and university students in Oregon are reporting increased rates of food insecurity, housing instability, and challenges affording and accessing textbooks, transportation, childcare, and other basic needs. **The Student Basic Needs Package is a bipartisan, student-centered effort to support student basic needs initiatives, affordable student housing initiatives, and textbook affordability in Oregon.**

The Student Basic Needs Package, comprised of LC 2821 and LC 3951, would make a targeted and strategic investment of over \$22 million dollars in three key areas:



STUDENT BASIC NEEDS PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT

- \$10 million dollars to support Benefit Navigators at Oregon's colleges and universities with basic needs programming funding to expand basic needs support programs, infrastructure, and personnel.



AFFORDABLE STUDENT HOUSING INITIATIVES

- \$6.5 million dollars to nonprofit organizations providing affordable housing support and rental assistance support to low-income college students across this state, such as College Housing Northwest.
- The creation of a Student Housing Task Force to investigate barriers students face to accessing housing and to make recommendations that increase student access to affordable housing.



TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY AND OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)

- \$5.2 million to Oregon's statewide textbook affordability program, Open Oregon Educational Resources, to continue expansion of no-cost, low-cost textbooks and course materials across Oregon's colleges and universities.



OREGON STUDENT BASIC NEEDS COALITION

Join us in supporting the basic needs of Oregon's college and university students by voting for **LC 2821** and **LC 3951!**

Why does this investment matter for Oregon's future workforce?

Addressing students' basic needs and college affordability directly correlates with improved mental health, increased retention rates, and overall academic success for students.

The impact of students not completing their education extends beyond the individual and can have significant economic consequences and contributes to a skills gap in the future workforce.

It's time to stabilize our current student population and our future workforce, which will be on the forefront of developing effective strategies for tackling housing and behavioral health challenges in our State.



Questions? Please contact:

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ABOUT US

No student should go hungry, houseless, or be priced out of their education. The Student Basic Needs Coalition represents over a dozen partners including students, universities and colleges, and community partners working together to holistically address college student success and completion across Oregon and maximize the impact of our state's investment.

The well-being of students pursuing post-secondary education and workforce training profoundly impacts their sense of belonging, persistence, graduation rate, and overall experience. Our mission is to ensure equitable access to essential resources that support these students' basic needs, including food, housing, transportation, mental health and financial stability.