

Date: March [REDACTED], 2023

To: House Committee on Higher Education
RE: Support for HB 2611 and Adjunct Faculty Healthcare

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

My name is (insert name and credentials is applicable) and I am writing to express **support for House Bill 2611**, which will ensure that contingent, part-time adjunct faculty of Oregon are able to easily access healthcare which includes vision and dental insurance, and re-commits Oregon to funding this important program.

Use 1-2 or more of the Messaging bullet points below.

- Part-time faculty often have to hold multiple part time positions, which creates significant barriers to accessing healthcare. All Oregonians deserve healthcare access.
- Healthcare without dental and vision insurance is incomplete
- This bill makes eligibility easier and more realistic for today's workers, by changing 50% Full Time Equivalent to 30% Full Time Equivalent
- This bill ensures employees are notified about eligibility no later than 30 days before deadlines, increasing awareness and access
- This bill requires including time spent working outside of the classroom as hours-worked, which is so important. Grading, communicating and meeting with students, and managing course materials are a significant part of teaching and occur outside of scheduled instruction hours.
- Oregon must re-commit strong funding of this program to allow it to be fully utilized

Add 3-5 sentences about why this bill is impactful to your life and/or community. This is where you should really hone in on the impact and importance of pay equity by weaving in your lived experience and personal story.

This is why I urge your yes vote on HB 2611. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Your name