

June 13, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak Chief Clerk of the House State Capitol Building Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation - HB 5025A

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this explanation of my NAY vote on HB 5025A. I am a strong support and advocate for our community colleges and universities. HB 5025A will increase the Higher Education Coordination Commission (HECC) FTE by 30, totaling 189 employees.

I would much rather see the increase in funds for the HECC budget be directed toward Oregon's 17 community colleges or seven public universities, instead of increasing the HECC FTE.

I opposed HB 5025A due to the above reasons.

Sincerely,

Anna Scharf

State Representative – HD 23