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### **Oregon Senate Passes Legislation to Allow Student Athlete Compensation**

SALEM – Colleges, universities and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) profit from the labor and talent of student athletes. Currently, however, those athletes are barred from receiving compensation for their work. Senate Bill 1501, which passed off the Senate Floor today, will change that by allowing student athletes to receive fair pay for their hard work.

“We see images of student athletes in video games. We see student athletes in marketing materials for colleges and universities. These student athletes, who are putting in the work and sacrifice, do not see a dime of those profits,” said Senator Shemia Fagan (D – Portland) a Chief Sponsor of SB 1501. “These students make a substantial commitment of their time, and too often they struggle to afford their basic needs. They deserve more than simply recognition, they deserve to get a fair share of the profit their work creates.”

SB 1501 allows student athletes access to compensation by authorizing them to secure representation and endorsements. The bill also allows these students to maintain ownership over their name, image and likeness, and it protects them from retaliation when they seek or receive compensation. Additionally, the bill makes certain student athletes may be paid at the market rate for coaching jobs.

“These student athletes give everything to their school and their sport,” said Senate President Peter Courtney (D – Salem). “They are the single best marketers for their institutions. It’s time that their contributions are recognized in a substantial way. I am very proud Oregon is joining California in this movement for student athletes.” President Courtney introduced SB 1501 and has been an outspoken supporter of fair treatment for student athletes.

Senate Bill 1501 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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