

OHIO HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
WRITTEN TESTIMONY  
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I am a student at WGU, working to get my teaching license in high school physics. I have set a goal to teach physics in a public school in Ohio to help more students fall in love with the STEM fields just as I have.

But, I didn't know if I would ever reach my goal because I didn't know how I could afford to continue my education beyond community college. When my dean at Northwest State referred me to WGU, I applied only a few hours after reading about the school's history and accolades. Simply put, I chose WGU to fulfill my educational goals.

WGU's model of competency-based education supports me in the way I learn. Traditional classroom structure and grading had dampened my ability to prove my academic prowess. No matter how hard I worked, I was told I was a smart kid but didn't apply myself. The WGU model works for me, and I am thriving.

When I reach my goal, I will help others reach their goals. The future of Ohio will be successful as I become an Ohio physics teacher and help my students learn and get excited about STEM education.

Like many Ohio citizens, I need a way to get my bachelor's degree that is affordable. I don't understand why the legislature would want to put barriers up that keep that from happening. Please remove the amendments to the House Substitute Bill that would eliminate needed financial support for attending WGU and would keep people like from reaching our goals.