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I am contacting you today as a student advocate and former registrar in our fine State. Are you and your students aware that the technology fee you all have been paying for several years is what is paying for the new computerized system? I am afraid to tell you that this new system is going to bankrupt the colleges. Currently, the new PeopleSoft system is riddled with problems and has only been implemented at three colleges. Spokane Community College, Spokane Falls, and Tacoma are the three colleges using the flawed system. Well, the company partnering with the State Board for Community Colleges has filed for Chapter 11 protection under the bankruptcy laws. And, on Friday, April 24, that company CIBER filed a lawsuit against the State and State Board for Community and Technical Colleges. Over 100 million dollars of student money has already been spent on this new system plus more millions will be spent. And, a system you probably will never use. All the colleges have been already sending in maintenance fees totaling millions of dollars per year and most colleges are not even using it yet.

Below are some links I have provided for you to do some research or better yet have your students do some research too. Institutions across this nation are not happy with this product either.

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2017/apr/11/troubled-software-for-washington-community-college/>

<http://mfeldstein.com/university-californias-payroll-project-reboot-now-504-million/>

<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/28887038/exclusive-state-spends-nearly-14-million-on-failed-dot-system>

<http://triblive.com/news/alleggheny/7649366-74/turnpike-ciber-commission#axzz3nzSYHazZ>

Thank you! And, much luck to you and your students.