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HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING Representative Tomei, Chair Committee Members

HB 2392

Dear Representative Tomei and Committee Members,

I am Janet Arenz, Executive Director of the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs. We are a statewide non-profit, supporting good budgets and good policies for children and families, so that we can make children Oregon's greatest asset.

We do this by representing \$205 million in small businesses, delivering services and programs for over 100,000 children. We have a payroll of \$152 million for 5,500 employees and raise \$35 million in philanthropic resources each year.

Member programs span child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, addiction, runaway and homeless, developmental disabilities and prevention.

We asked the Governor for a position on the Youth Development Council. We did this because we support the systems and the goals he put forward in the Oregon Education Investment Board, and because he prioritized an array of services for children of all ages throughout the state. This is consistent with our mission and the populations we represent.

We also recognize the challenges to the many current community-based services as the local Commission on Children & Families system comes to an end. Many of my members collaborate with counties and local commissions, and many contract with them.

It is important that, as we move to the close of this fiscal year and the calendar year, that we have a planful transition and that services are effectively funded and preserved through this period.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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MISSION

Helping children achieve through strategic partnerships: Well-being, Self-sufficiency and Opportunity.

VISION*VOICE*LEADERSHIP

<u>Vision</u> Making children Oregon's greatest asset.

<u>Voice</u> Advocating for the needs of children and families, and for the people who provide them services.

<u>Leadership</u> Creating conditions for success by focusing on innovation, competency and quality.

<u>Membership</u> Providing Quality Services for Quality Outcomes.

THE ALLIANCE REPRESENTS PROVIDERS WHO COLLECTIVELY:

- Serve over 100,000 children throughout Oregon each year
- Provide over \$205 million in programs and services
- Employ over 5,500 committed individuals with a payroll of \$152 million
- Are guided by over 475 business and community leaders
- Raise over \$35 million each year from community and philanthropic sources to leverage state and federal investments in Oregon
- Are supported by over 30,000 committed volunteers

WE REPRESENT PROGRAMS IN:

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Membership Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs

Albertina Kerr Centers Bob Belloni Ranch, Inc. Boys & Girls Aid of Oregon Bridgeway Recovery Services, Inc Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare Casa De Belen **Catholic Community Services Chehalem Youth and Family Services Community Works** DePaul Treatment Centers, Inc. Harvest House Missions Home Youth & Resource Center (Marion Co Community Action Agency) Homestead Youth & Family The Inn | Bar | Youth Services **Jackson Street Shelter** Janus Youth Programs, Inc. Jasper Mountain **Kinship House** Klamath-Lake County Youth Ranch LifeWorks Northwest Looking Glass Youth & Family Services Maple Star Oregon, Inc. Meadowlark Manor Morrison Child and Family Services Native American Rehabilitation Association, Inc. (NARA) The Next Door Northwest Human Services, Inc. Options Counseling Services of Oregon, Inc **Oregon Mentors** Parrott Creek Child & Family Services Professional Therapeutic Community Network St. Mary's Home for Boys Salvation Army, White Shield Self Enhancement, Inc. Serendipity Center, Inc South Lane Mental Health **Tillamook Family Counseling Center Trillium Family Services** Volunteers of America Oregon Youth Guidance Association Youth Progress Association Youth Villages

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