SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Our Core Purpose:

To provide opportunities for youth and young adults to learn, grow, and experience success.

Our Values: Education





Our Values: Challenge





Our Values: Community





<u>Our Values:</u> Leadership





NORTHWEST YOUTH CORPS HISTORY

History

- Started in 1984
- Based on the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 30's and the YCC programs of the 1970's
- Grounded in a belief that youth and young adults could achieve professional project outcomes while developing critical life skills
- Partnerships with Forest Products Industry
- Sustained growth each year
 - Partners
 - Geography
 - Capacity



YOUTH CORPS PROGRAMS

- Open Enrollment
- Residential Adventure Format
- 14-19 year old participants
- 5 state area



- Labor intensive conservation work, education, recreation
- Teamwork, leadership, job skills
- Paid stipend, High school credit, adventure, friendship

OUTDOOR OREGON

 Open Enrollment – Local youth, local projects



- Non-residential community format
- Developed following Legislative feedback
- 9 Oregon Communities
- Labor intensive conservation work, education, recreation
- Teamwork, leadership, job skills, paid stipend, school credit

OUTDOOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Accredited Alternative High School
- Freshmen through Senior classes
- Classroom and Field integration
- Project based learning
- Diploma
- Educational pathways



OREGON YOUTH SERVED



YOUTH FROM ACROSS OREGON 2002-2012





YOUTH OUTCOMES



WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Youth Unemployment ages 18-24 at 19.1% in Oregon
- Only 1 in 4 youth ages 16-19 have summer employment
- Providing jobs today, preparing the work force of tomorrow
- Critical link in job readiness

Work ethic Team work Commitment Safety

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Critical restoration and conservation projects
- Developing next generation of citizen stewards
- Increased access to recreational and tourist activities
- Improved lands and waters

Education

Ethic of Service

Citizenship

Perseverance

PARTNERSHIPS



Over 17,000 alumni

\$1.4 million in youth and young adult wages and stipends in 2012

Goal: To have an opportunity available for every Oregon teen who wants one

Importance of fee-for-service partners to support programming

HB 2689 will increase opportunities for Oregon youth