

TOBACCO MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT (TMSA) INVESTMENT



BACKGROUND

When states signed the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (TMSA) with the major tobacco companies in 1998, tobacco companies agreed to pay states in yearly installments as compensation for costs associated with tobacco-related disease. Oregon promised to use its settlement funds to improve public health and protect Oregonians from the dangers of smoking.

In 2013, the Legislature dedicated a portion of Oregon's Tobacco Master Settlement funds to tobacco prevention efforts for the first time in state history.

INVESTING TMSA DOLLARS

ACS CAN and partner organizations are dedicated to ensuring that the Oregon legislature invests TMSA dollars in ways that combat the effects of tobacco and promote the health of Oregonians. Along with the American Heart Association, Oregon Nurses Association, Coalition for Local Public Health Officials, and Upstream Public Health, we propose the following funding package to ensure maximum health impact for Oregon:

- \$124 million – Maintain Oregon's current TMSA investment in Medicaid programs
- \$5 million – increase the state's TMSA investment in tobacco prevention and cessation programs
- \$5 million – increase the state's TMSA investment in physical education programs
- \$3 million – New investment in healthy communities and obesity prevention

FUNDING TOBACCO AND OBESITY PREVENTION AND ACCESS TO CARE

Investing in the proposed prevention initiatives and Medicaid programs will result in significant health benefits to Oregonians and long-term state savings by increasing productivity and reducing direct health care costs—currently \$1.1 billion a year in Oregon.

Health care coverage through Medicaid: Increasing coverage through Medicaid will ensure that Oregon's low income individuals will have access to cancer prevention, early detection and treatment services, and tobacco cessation services which may allow them to live longer, healthier lives.

Tobacco Use Prevention: Every year 4,200 Oregon children start smoking. Research shows that 90 percent of today's smokers started smoking before they turned 18. Comprehensive tobacco control programs reduce tobacco use and tobacco-related disease, resulting in reduced tobacco-related health care costs. In 2014, Oregon's spending on tobacco prevention was 25% of the amount recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Obesity Prevention: Obesity, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition are major risk factors for cancer, second only to tobacco use.

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Joint Ways and Means Committee
Testimony of Maya Crawford, Legal Aid Services of Oregon
April 16, 2015, Gresham

Co-chairs Devlin and Buckley, Members of the Committee, my name is Maya Crawford. I live in Multnomah County and I work for Legal Aid Services of Oregon in the Portland Regional Office. As you know, Legal Aid offices provide access to justice and a level playing field for low-income Oregonians. In my work I daily see vulnerable families with serious legal needs that we are unable to address due to lack of resources. I testify to urge you to support increased funding for Legal Aid.

About 850,000 Oregonians live in poverty and are eligible for free civil Legal Aid, a 61.5% increase since 2000. As poverty increased, Legal Aid experienced a significant decrease in the resources that we have to meet the growing need. We rely on our 90 Legal Aid lawyers statewide to be our front line of assistance for these families but we also leverage our resources through the use of volunteer attorneys. In 2013, volunteer attorneys handled more than 2,500 cases and contributed more than 9,000 hours of free legal work at Legal Aid Services of Oregon. As the Supervising Attorney in charge of our office's Volunteer Lawyer Program, I help to oversee seven different volunteer lawyer programs serving clients in Clackamas, Hood River, Multnomah, Sherman, Washington, and Wasco counties. Through these programs, volunteer lawyers help domestic violence victims get restraining orders; review court documents for low-income clients representing themselves in family law cases; serve the legal needs of the elderly through a senior law project; and provide other assistance in other kinds of cases. Other Legal Aid offices around the state use volunteer attorneys to help with intake interviews of prospective clients or to accept direct referrals of individual cases.

We believe that there is significant potential to expand out volunteer attorney programs statewide, due to two demographic shifts. There are currently many new lawyers who are unemployed or underemployed who would like to do volunteer work. At the same time, many older attorneys who are retiring or semi-retiring would like to remain active in the legal profession through volunteer work. The operation of these volunteer lawyer programs requires staff and resources in Legal Aid offices, though, to recruit volunteers; develop training materials and train the attorneys; interview clients to screen them for income-eligibility and for meritorious cases; and provide on-going support and mentoring to some attorneys. We haven't had the resources to support this expansion and in fact had to cut our administrative support for these programs in 2011 due to funding cuts.

We are now poised to begin expanding our volunteer lawyer programs around the state thanks to a limited-term grant from Meyer Memorial Trust. The grant will allow us to hire a statewide volunteer coordinator to expand our volunteer lawyers programs in Legal Aid offices outside of the Portland area. The coordinator will help rural Legal Aid offices to create or expand volunteer lawyer programs and will also create systems to allow the large pool of Portland-area volunteers to help low-income clients in rural areas using videoconferencing and other innovative programs. Our foundation funding is short-term, however, and we need to find long-term funding to sustain this critical work. Your support for additional funding for Legal Aid along the lines of House Bill 2329 will help to ensure the long-term viability of our statewide volunteer lawyer programs. That support for Legal Aid will allow our volunteers to help low-income families throughout Oregon in matters relating to their physical safety, access to food and shelter, and other critical legal needs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and thank you for your support of Legal Aid funding.

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Testimony of Annie Neal

Co-Chairs Devlin and Buckley, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Annie Neal, and I have more than 25 years of experience as a professional working in the field of domestic and sexual violence intervention. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of increased funding for legal aid. This committee is well aware that domestic violence is a serious public health and safety issue in Oregon that causes great destruction.

- In a 2004 survey of Oregon women ages 20 to 55 years old, nearly one-third (31%) reported that they had experienced one or more types of violence victimization - including threats of violence, physical and sexual assaults, or stalking.
- Between 1997 and 2003, 123 homicides occurred among Oregonians age 12 and older, due to intimate partner violence; in 2007, 20 deaths were related to intimate partner violence in 2007.
- Children are affected by intimate partner violence (IPV). Children witnessed 33% of intimate partner physical assaults and 20% of intimate partner sexual assaults.

Having worked with and on behalf of victims of domestic and sexual violence for more than twenty years, I am very familiar with the legal needs of victims and the vital services provided by legal aid. Victims rely on legal aid attorneys to obtain emergency restraining orders and permanent custody and divorce judgments. Since abusers often perpetuate abuse in the workplace or in rental units, victims require additional legal assistance on employment or housing matters. Frequently, legal issues relating to public benefits, medical bills, and consumer debts must be addressed. All these efforts increase the safety and long term stability of victims and their children.

Legal aid also has played an instrumental role in Multnomah County's coordinated response to domestic violence and sexual assault for more than two decades, serving on the Family Violence Coordinating Council, the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT)), and the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Advisory Board. Legal aid also serves clients directly at the Gateway Center.

Legal aid lawyers provide legal assistance and advocacy to low-income victims as they seek safety and justice. Other legal aid lawyers like Sybil Hebb and Robin Selig give victims a voice in policy making at the state and local level, helping improve the systems and structures designed to serve victims.

Despite making domestic violence a priority, and getting significant help from private pro bono attorneys, legal aid cannot meet the enormous need for legal services. Civil legal services are one of the priorities that need to be better funded in Oregon. We desperately need additional civil legal services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Please support increased funding for legal aid through HB2329. Thank you.

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**Testimony of Carolina Chamberlin
Head Start Program at Mt. Hood Community College**

Co-Chairs Devlin and Buckley, and Members of the Committee: My name is Carolina Chamberlin, and I live in Portland. Thank you for providing an opportunity to testify in support of increased funding for the legal aid programs in Oregon.

I am a Family Worker with the Head Start program located at Mt. Hood Community College's Maywood Campus in northeast Portland. Head Start provides child development and family support services to pregnant women and families of children ages birth to 5 who are low income and reside in East Multnomah County outside Portland Public Schools. Our services include comprehensive preschool and child care programs, home visits, parent and child activities, health screenings, meals, transportation, opportunities to volunteer, and parent involvement activities.

We serve a diverse community of families who speak English, Spanish, Russian and many other languages. They often struggle to meet basic needs. They face problems relating to their housing, public benefits, employment, family violence, and other areas. We refer our families to the legal aid offices in Portland because they can help with the kinds of issues our families face. They help our families stay in their housing and deal with other problems. The work that legal aid does helps keep children healthy and safe and makes families stronger.

I want to tell you about one of the families that we referred to legal aid. When we visited the family at home, we learned that their apartment was not safe because of a tripping hazard with the carpet, significant mold on the walls, a lack of weatherproofing that was causing cold air to come in, and flooding right outside the front door. When the family asked for repairs, the landlord gave them a 60-day notice to move out. The legal aid attorney worked with the family and got the landlord to withdraw the eviction notice and make the repairs. The family was able to stay in their home.

Please increase funding for legal aid so they can serve more clients. Please support HB 2329. Thank you.

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**Testimony of Shea Flaherty Betin
EI Programa Hispano, Gresham**

Co-Chairs Devlin and Buckley, and Members of the Committee: My name is Shea Flaherty Betin. Thank you for providing an opportunity to testify in support of increased funding for the legal aid programs in Oregon.

I am a SNAP Education and Outreach Specialist with EI Programa Hispano in Gresham, a division of Catholic Charities that provides a wide array of social services to low-income Latinos in the Portland metro area. Our mission is to increase self-sufficiency within the Latino community, to empower individuals to achieve a better quality of life, and to promote mutual understanding and respect among cultures. We help the community in several ways.

- Our Project UNICA provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- We provide school-based services to youth and their families.
- We partner with Providence Health System to offer health education training and coordination to community members at Latino parishes.
- We offer many emergency and support services including a low-income taxpayer clinic, food stamp outreach and assistance, outreach to elderly Latinos, skill-building classes such as English as a Second Language, citizenship, driver's education, financial literacy, computer and other job-training classes and workshops, emergency assistance with housing, utilities, and other basic needs, language interpretation assistance, and information and referral.

We also partner with Legal Aid Services of Oregon and Oregon Law Center to provide a monthly legal clinic for low-income individuals at our offices in Gresham. The clinic helps clients with family law and domestic violence needs, as well as other legal problems with employment, housing, consumer, health care, and public benefits. The clinic is always in high demand and we often have to turn away applicants because all the slots are full. Our clients really appreciate having legal aid lawyers come to a location that is convenient to them and help them navigate a legal system that is often unfamiliar and extremely challenging.

Legal aid lawyers help our clients with critical needs such as safety from violence, preventing homelessness, maintaining public benefits, and access to health care. We need legal aid to be able to serve more low-income clients, and for this reason I ask you to support HB 2329. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

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**Testimony of Monica Goracke
Oregon Law Center**

Co-chairs Devlin and Buckley, Members of the Committee, my name is Monica Goracke and I live in Portland, where I work as a managing attorney for Oregon Law Center, one of the statewide legal aid programs. I thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of increased funding for legal aid. Legal aid provides justice and fairness for low-income clients who are struggling with legal issues related to housing, employment, debts, benefits, domestic violence and other issues. We help people understand their rights and responsibilities under the rule of law. We help to implement the laws that are adopted by the legislature. We provide a level playing field where low-income people can seek a peaceful resolution of their civil legal issues.

The need is great, and the need is growing. Currently about 850,000 people in Oregon are eligible for legal aid with only 90 legal aid lawyers statewide to serve them all. At the same time that client need was increasing due to the recession, decreased revenue forced legal aid to eliminate 20% of the staff positions statewide and close two offices. In my office alone, we would need to hire four more attorneys, to join the current four attorneys, to restore the staffing to the level that existed before the cuts in 2011. Urban offices took a larger hit to keep relatively equal access statewide. We estimate that we have revenue sufficient to meet only about 15% of the legal needs of our clients.

I want to tell you a little about my background so you can understand more about individuals who work at legal aid. I grew up in Grants Pass, Oregon, where I worked as a volunteer in the local legal aid office while still in high school. After graduating from Williams College, I worked as a Jesuit Volunteer for a year to serve people who were homeless and mentally ill. After graduating from Stanford Law School and clerking for a federal judge, I worked for Disability Rights Advocates in Oakland for three years before joining Oregon Law Center in 2005. A large part of my work at OLC has focused on serving the homeless and working on housing issues. As you know, these are major problems for Portland and Oregon. We have worked closely with community partners and the City to seek improved opportunities and access to services. We have given homeless people a voice in the process so that policy makers can better understand their needs and identify solutions that are more likely to reduce barriers to ending homelessness.

Legal aid is doing vital work to protect families, the elderly and disabled and other vulnerable members of our communities. I urge your support for additional funding for legal aid so that we can do more of this work statewide to meet critical legal needs in our communities. Please support HB 2329. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify today.

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I am at the hearing but I will not be able to speak. I want to share these comments.

I am a Biology student from Portland State University. I am majoring in Biology with the hope to obtain a fulfilling career that will help me compete in the economy of the future. My friends are hardworking individuals who are also paying

I have not had an easy life. My mother was murdered when I was very young and my father and stepmother are going through a divorce. My fellow students do not have easy lives. I have many friends who have fallen through the cracks because they were unable to continue paying for school.

It is impossible to continue attending school when legislation insists on shutting down our ability to attend school affordably, sending us home with crippling debt.

We want an education but we cannot afford rising tuition prices. We love Portland State yet we can only continue to attend if tuition costs are lowered for us students. Stop taking money from the demographic groups that are going to shape the future.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

The ABC of ERDC - Employment Related Day Care

Good evening Chair and Committee, thank you for allowing this moment to speak to you.

My name is Debra Hazelrig.

I am an early childhood professional, a graduate student pursuing a Master's Degree in Education with a Specialization in Early Childhood Education, and a Family Resource Manager with the Department of Human Services.

Very briefly, I want to share with you the ABC of ERDC, what you know as Employment Related Day Care.

A – Availability of affordable childcare is difficult at best. Many Oregonians are suffering, because of low wage jobs. They can barely meet their everyday living expenses. When the cost of day care is included, it is unattainable.

B - Benefits of the ERDC program are the opportunity to work hard, retain their job, and move toward self-sufficiency. The lack of funding for the ERDC program results in barriers.

C – Child care is a valuable springboard to early childhood education. Early childhood education prepares the youngest Oregonians for a successful educational foundation in kindergarten readiness. Thus, ensuring future prosperity

Thank you for your serious consideration of the impact of the ABC of Employment Related Day Care to the success of Oregonians and the required funding needed for this undervalued program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony to the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Health Services on April 2 (attached) and testimony to the Joint Ways and Means Committee on April 16 in Gresham regarding Oregon's TPEP program successes. The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network is asking for \$5 million for TPEP from TMSA dollars by adding \$1 million to the existing budgetary level of \$4 million. While this is well below the CDC's recommended \$39.3 million yearly expenditure for tobacco cessation efforts, it will be a positive step forward in Oregon's efforts to reduce suffering and death from tobacco use.

As you may already know, I lost my first wife, Patty, to lung and liver cancer from her 34 years of smoking and after battling five forms of cancer. She (as a laryngectomee) had spoken to over 4,000 Oregon school children and adults about making wise tobacco-related choices. We worked vigorously in the TPEP program in affiliation with ACS CAN and saw firsthand how successful the outreach and education was when the program was better funded in today's dollars than it is currently. Research has shown that during times of higher funding, tobacco use in Oregon dropped. The reverse is true when the program's dollars are cut.

Please consider the important benefits of saving human lives and reducing suffering plus significantly lowering the number of healthcare dollars that will need to be allocated in future years to cover the many illnesses that tobacco use frequently causes. It is too late to save Patty, but you can make a meaningful contribution towards keeping Oregon citizens healthy by using some of the TMSA dollars, a portion of which are required to be used for tobacco cessation efforts as part of the settlement. It is my sincere desire that no one else goes through what Patty and my family did. I will never forget watching her take her last breath at 5:00 am on July 11, 2003. I lost my hero! Thank you for your consideration of this important and effective program!!

Sincerely,

Eric Jones

Gresham/Native Oregonian

Ambassador, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Eric Jones' Testimony to Committee On Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee On Human Services, Salem, April 2, 2015:

Chairpersons Bates and Nathanson, members of the subcommittee, and attendees of this hearing. I am Eric Jones of Gresham and an ambassador and volunteer for the last 14 years for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN).

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today regarding the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (TMSA) funding of the Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) in the next biennium.

I lost my first wife, Patty Jones, nearly 12 years ago to lung and liver cancer from smoking. Patty had smoked for 34 years and become a laryngectomee (a person with no vocal cords who breaths through a stoma [hole] in the neck). As a laryngectomee, Patty learned esophageal speaking (burp talking) and went on to "speak" to over 4,000 Oregon school children about making wise tobacco choices. Kids threw away packs of cigarettes as they left her speaking sessions. I am so proud that my first wife made a significant difference in the fight against big tobacco!!

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Please fund the TPEP program at \$5 million with TMSA dollars during the next biennium!!

Thank you for your time and attention today.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Jones
ACS CAN Ambassador, Volunteer
Gresham



Patricia Ann Jones

May 29, 1945 - July 11, 2003





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April 16, 2015

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
C/O Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street, N.E.
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chair Devlin, Co-Chair Buckley, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for hearing SB 5526 and inviting testimony from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN). ACS CAN is the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society. We support evidence based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem.

ACS CAN supports the \$970,000 in the Governor's recommended budget for the Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Breast and Cervical Cancer Program and a modest increase of 5% (\$48,500) due to both the cost of inflation and the need for broader program support for increased outreach services to low-income, uninsured, and underinsured women, especially women of underserved populations.

OHA's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides breast and cervical cancer screening services, including free Pap tests and mammograms to women aged 40 to 64 who are uninsured or underinsured and have income below 250% of the federal poverty line. From 2008 – 2013, over 25,000 Oregon women were served by the program and the program detected 292 breast cancers and 228 cervical cancers. As you can see, the program works.

While the Affordable Care Act has provided thousands of low-income women greater access to preventative cancer screenings and treatment; gaps will still remain for women who remain uninsured or are underinsured. It is estimated that over 63,909 Oregon women will continue to lack access to cervical cancer screenings, and 25,529 women will lack access to breast cancer screenings in 2015 and beyond.

In closing, maintaining existing funding and providing a modest increase for greater outreach and education services will preserve a critical safety net for thousands of Oregon women, who continue to lack access to essential screening services. Please support the existing funding level with a modest increase to OHA's Breast and Cervical Cancer Program for early detection services for low-income and other medically underserved women.

Best regards,

Troy Rayburn, Director
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Great West Region

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I am Dan Nelson from Hans Nelson & Sons Nursery in Boring, Oregon. The nursery has been in this location since 1965 growing shade, flowering and ornamental trees in both the field and in containers. We employ 15 to 20 people year-around and ship our trees all across the U.S. I grew up on the nursery and took over as President in 1978.


I have worked with the North Willamette Experiment Station on numerous projects over the past years. Currently our participation has been with an "intelligent sprayer" that was developed by the USDA Agricultural Research Service in Wooster, Ohio. Oregon State University, Ohio State University and the University of Tennessee are implementing testing for this new technology with nurseries in each of those states using the new sprayers.

The sprayer uses a laser sensor to determine where and what to spray and only sprays what it can see. It has cut our pesticide use in half and greatly reduced spray drift. This technology will be able to be used on many crops and will greatly reduce environmental exposure to pesticides.

A new program by the USDA and Oregon State University is in the works to retrofit existing sprayers to make this new laser spray system quickly available for many users.

Funding decisions are always hard to make. Past funding produced this sprayer which will benefit a great many agricultural crops throughout the nation. OSU has played a vital part.

It is important for the state to fund Senate Bill 657 and the 16 million dollar increase to the base funding. We are making significant progress in research and technology which will play an ever increasing part in Oregon's agricultural growth, prosperity and environmental stewardship.


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Date: March 9, 2015

From: Dan Nelson
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This letter is to confirm my support of "Advancement of pesticide spray applications in specialty crop production with intelligent-decision technologies" project proposed by USDA/ARS Application Technology Research Unit, Oregon State University and other institutes. We will provide necessary facilities, plant materials, maintenance services and other available resources in connection with field experiments for this project in Oregon. Specific supports will include:

- (1) A conventional air-blast sprayer to be used for retrofit with the new universal intelligent spray control system.
- (2) 75 acres of field shade trees, container-grown trees and woody plants. They will be used for the research project to determine spray deposition quality, off-target losses, pest control efficacy, and cost savings with the new technology.
- (3) Necessary facilities (including irrigation, tractors, and workshop), one worker and one production manager to join the tests and maintain the land and crops to meet the project requirements.

We are very excited to be part of this important research project to advance the pesticide applications under various field and climate conditions. We have enjoyed so much in collaborations with Dr. Heping Zhu and Prof. Robin Rosetta to test intelligent sprayers in my field for past three years. I have great confidence that they will be successful again for the new project. Please let me know if you have any questions about our commitment to this important research.

Sincerely,

Dan Nelson
President, Hans Nelson & Sons Nursery



North Wasco County School District No. 21

Office of the Superintendent

April 16th, 2015

Oregon State Legislature
Joint Ways and Means Committee
900 Court Street NE, H-178
Salem, Oregon 97301

Subject: Written Testimony Regarding Education Funding in the State of Oregon

Honorable Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee,

The recently passed education funding bill (HB 5017) specifies a level of \$7.255 Billion for the K-12 schools for the upcoming 2015-17 biennium. The purpose of this letter is to let you know what this funding level really means to the North Wasco County School District.

- A reduction of \$75 per ADMw from 2014-2015 funding level.
- Continued large class sizes at all grade levels.
- Continued lack of CTE course offerings at middle and high schools.
- Inability to provide the technology needed to support curriculum, instruction and assessment.
- Potentially fewer instructional days.
- Does not address deferred maintenance needs.

We are preparing our local budget using a traditional 49/51% allocation, we have included no cost of living increases for existing staff, no increase in the district's contribution to health insurance and less than 2% roll-up costs in other areas. We remain about \$450 thousand short of being able to balance the proposed budget.

Bottom line:

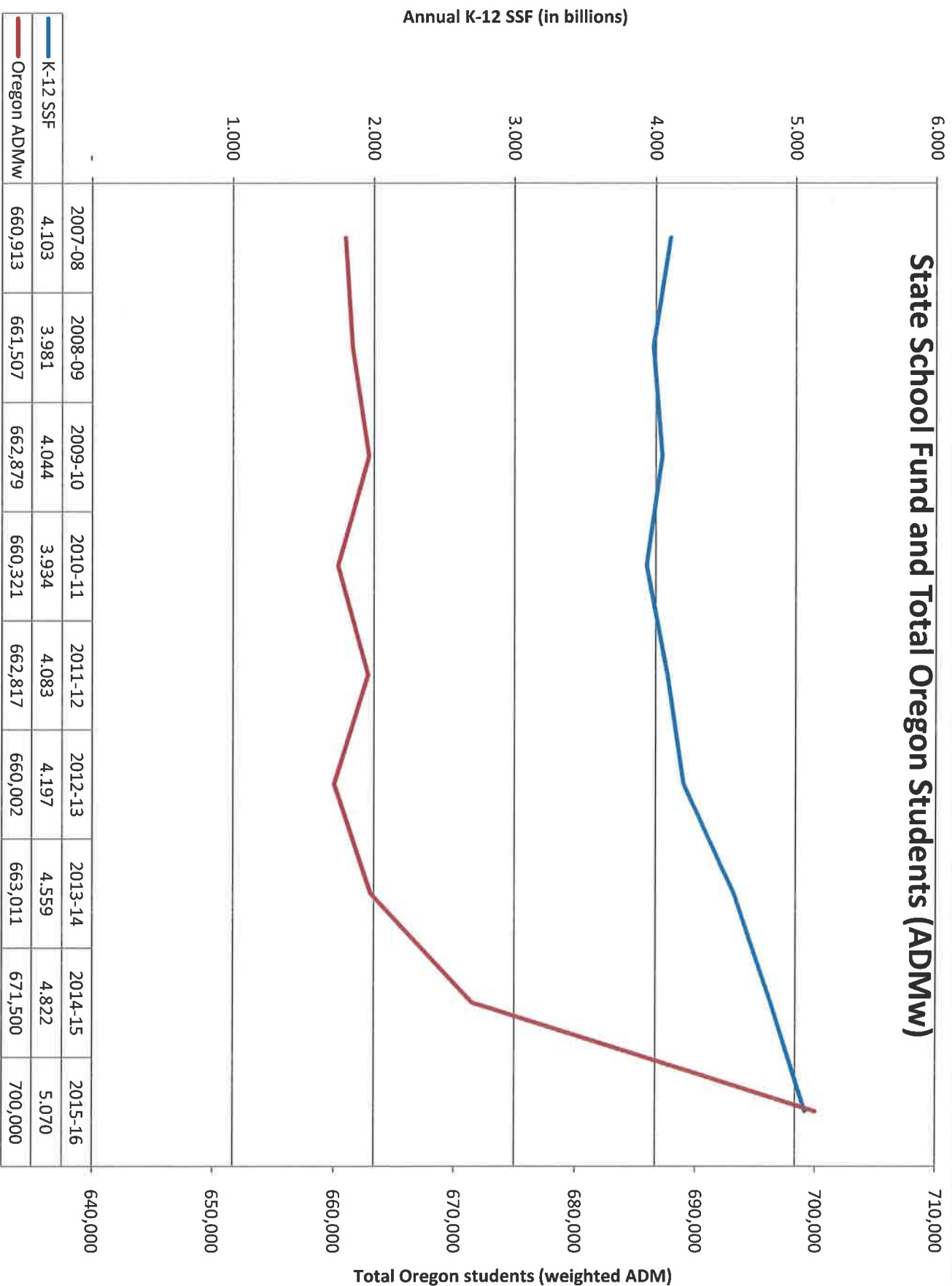
Our District remains 29 Full-time positions below where we were in 2008-2009. We feel like the state economy is improving, we should not be in a position to need to reduce staff or cut instructional days. Schools shared in the most recent economic downturn, now we ask to be included in the recovery.

Please let me know if I can answer any further questions you may have.

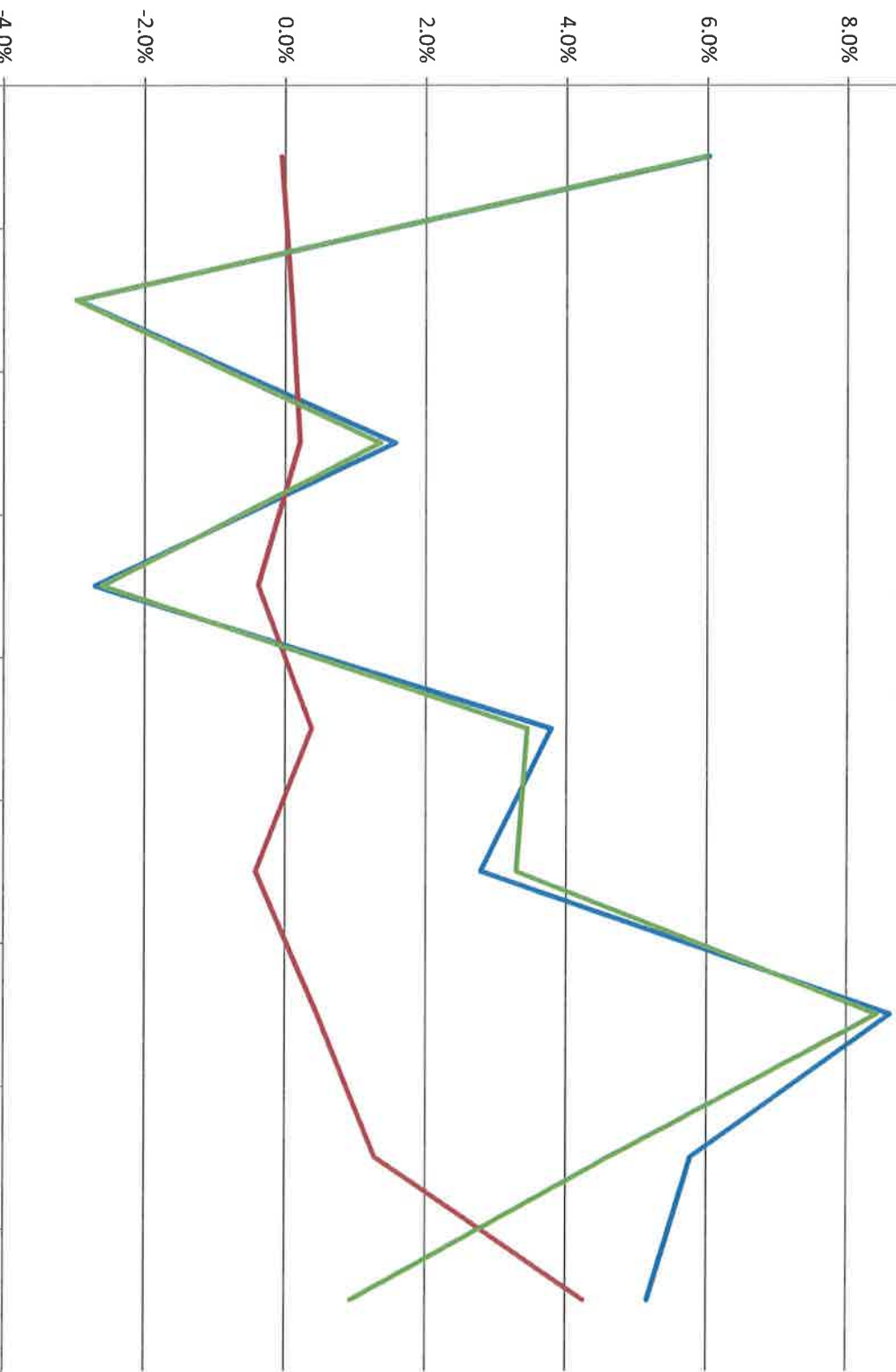
Sincerely,

Candy Armstrong
Superintendent

State School Fund and Total Oregon Students (ADMw)



Annual percentage change in - State School Fund, Oregon ADMw and general purpose grant per student



	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
K-12 SSF	6.0%	-3.0%	1.6%	-2.7%	3.8%	2.8%	8.6%	5.8%	5.2%
Oregon ADMw	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	-0.4%	0.4%	-0.4%	0.5%	1.3%	4.2%
Funding per student	6.0%	-3.0%	1.4%	-2.6%	3.4%	3.3%	8.4%	4.6%	0.9%

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**Testimony of Shea Flaherty Betin
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I am a SNAP Education and Outreach Specialist with El Programa Hispano in Gresham, a division of Catholic Charities that provides a wide array of culturally specific social services to low-income Latinos in the Portland metro area. Our mission is to be an allied partner to the Latino community, providing services to a population facing unprecedented social and economic challenges. From help with navigating confusing social welfare structures, to first-line responses to real crises, El Programa Hispano's services have made us a local household name.

We help the community in several ways:

- Our UNICA project provides comprehensive services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence.
- We offer low income tax clinics.
- We provide school-based services to youth and their families.
- We have a diversified anti-poverty program catering to the most pressing needs of our community.

We also partner with Legal Aid Services of Oregon and the Oregon Law Center to provide a monthly legal clinic for low-income individuals at our offices in Gresham. The clinic helps clients with family law and domestic violence needs, as well as other legal problems with employment, housing, consumer, health care, and public benefits. The clinic is always in high demand and we often have to turn away applicants because all the slots are full. Our clients really appreciate having legal aid lawyers come to a location that is convenient to them and help them navigate a legal system that is often unfamiliar and extremely challenging.

Legal aid lawyers help our clients with critical needs such as safety from violence, preventing homelessness, maintaining public benefits, and access to health care. We need legal aid to be able to serve more low-income clients, and for this reason I ask you to support HB 2329. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

**Ways and Means Committee
Community Hearings
April 16, 2015**

**Testimony of Carolina Chamberlin
Head Start Program at Mt. Hood Community College**

Co-Chairs Devlin and Buckley, and Members of the Committee: My name is Carolina Chamberlin, and I live in Portland. Thank you for providing an opportunity to testify in support of increased funding for the legal aid programs in Oregon.

I am a Family Worker with the Head Start program at Mt. Hood Community College's ~~Maywood Campus in northeast Portland~~. *I'm one of the 22 case workers that provide services and referral to our 1,200 families enrolled in our Head Start & Early Head Start*
We provide child development and family support services to low-income pregnant women and families of children ages birth to 5 in East Multnomah County.

Our services include preschool and child care programs, home visits, parent and child activities, health screenings, meals, transportation, and more.

We serve a diverse community of families who speak English, Spanish, Russian and many other languages. They often struggle to meet basic needs. They have problems with housing, public benefits, employment, family violence, and other legal issues.

We refer our families to the legal aid offices in Portland because they can help. They help our families stay in their housing and deal with other problems. The work that legal aid does helps keep children healthy and safe and makes families stronger.

I want to tell you about a family that we referred to legal aid. When we visited the family at home, we learned that their apartment was not safe because of a tripping hazard with the carpet, significant mold on the walls, a lack of weatherproofing that was causing cold air to come in, and flooding right outside the front door. When the family asked for repairs, the landlord gave them a 60-day notice to move out. The legal aid attorney got the landlord to withdraw the eviction notice and make the repairs. The family was able to stay in their home.

Please increase funding for legal aid so they can serve more clients, *& Head Start families & specially children*
HB 2329. Thank you *for your time*
Visual Arts

We Want to Hear From You

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Tell us your story: How have budget cuts impacted you, your family, and your community?

Every time budget cuts makes a big impact
to families. I'm a social worker for Headstart
I have over 18 years working for the ^{East side} community ^{for Portland}
I can see that every YEAR we have less & less
agencies & funds ^{that} can help families in
need. We need MORE funds. We need
more agencies that can provide food,
clothing, ERDC funds, legal aid offices!!
[utility assistance] & HOUSING.
During last 2 years I ^{seen} ~~have~~ an increase
of homeless families. ^{Thank you for sharing.} This needs to
change. Send more funds to families
in need!!

Carolina



Thursday, April 16, 2015

Oregon Institute of Technology

Testimony: Request for Funding

Oregon Institute of Technology

C/O Oregon State Joint Ways and Means Committee

To the State of Oregon, Joint Ways and Means Committee:

Hello, my name is Kelsey Leinbach. I am 19 years old and currently a student at the Oregon Institute of Technology, studying Electrical and Optical Engineering. I am also the Administrative Officer of the student government at the Wilsonville Campus.

On behalf of the student body at Oregon Tech, I would like to personally thank the state for their support through the Oregon Opportunity Grant. Affordability for students is the key for those applying, and maintaining the status of student at our campus. In regards to retention, tuition is only half of the barrier. The other half is Student Services. Without the on-campus support that we receive through our faculty and student employees, the students in our program would not be as successful as they are today.

At Oregon Tech, we pay attention to detail in the support of our students. It is because of this that we come in at #8 in the US News Regional College West Rating. Almost 90% of our students are employed or enrolled in graduate schools 6months after graduation. However, most of our students are only able to attend and complete our programs with financial-aid and on-campus support. In order to continue support to our students, who make up the 40-40-20 attainment goal, we request the amount of \$755million for the Oregon Public Universities.

Please be a part of the fulfillment of our student's dreams. Help them continue to graduation. With your support, we will continue to improve our schools and to graduate students who are shining representations of the state of Oregon.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelsey Leinbach".

Kelsey Leinbach

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Gateway to Mt. Hood

Good Evening, my name is Mike Walker and I am the Director of Public Works for the City of Sandy. I would like to provide some background on the assistance the City has received from the Infrastructure Finance Authority arm of Business Oregon.

In 2013 Sandy received a \$7.5M loan to partially fund an 11.5 million dollar expansion of our water supply system, this loan included nearly \$300,000 in principal forgiveness and credits for green infrastructure improvements. In addition we saved an estimated \$50,000 that would have otherwise been spent on bond issuance costs. The attractive terms of the loan allowed us keep user rates low and still provide a redundant and reliable water source that will serve our community for many years to come.

The application process and reporting requirements involved with the IFA loan were simple to follow and comply with - much more so than Federal programs that have funded similar projects for Sandy in the past.

Earlier this year we were awarded an IFA technical assistance grant for preliminary engineering work to extend water service to a local fruit processing business that currently employs approximately 85 people and intends to add 61,000 square feet of production and administrative space and five additional jobs.

This business expansion involves extending water service outside our Urban Growth Boundary. IFA staff were able to obtain guidance and answers from DLCD to ensure we could provide water service to this local business and navigate the land use process.

Based on the results of the preliminary engineering analysis IFA may be able to partially fund or provide attractive financing for all of the water line extension cost to serve this local employer.

Sandy has benefitted from and supports the continued funding of these programs. Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify.

To: Ways & Means Committee/re: EHA & SHAP/4/16/15

I am a single mother of 5 children.

I am a recent survivor of DV ^(Domestic Violence) and homelessness.

My children and I were homeless for 6 long months. In the beginning of our homelessness we stayed with the few family and friends that we have in Portland until a ^{hard} shelter come available. It was very to find shelter for a family of 6. 5 months after being homeless, I got lucky with Bradley Angle. My children and I have had a very set lifestyle. Everyone has a schedule for everyday of things we do which got very hard to maintain in our recent situation. But, with the help from Bradley Angle, although things are still rough we are now settling in our own place again getting back on track.

We only have one income and I make only 9.60/hr. I want to ask you to fund more affordable housing, emergency rent assistance, and emergency shelters that help families like mine.

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Question: Have you seen completion
rate of comm. college 22% !!

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Let's fix this
problem
what's wrong

Tell us your story: How have budget cuts impacted you, your
family, and your community?

Tribal communities
represent the first people ~
Our Tribes education/prevention
drug & alcohol programs
need your support. The Siletz
Tribe - who's offices are in Astoria
Salem, Eugene & Siletz serve
all Native Americans from behavior
health to those mentioned above.
Help us to help our first people
in this country.
Thank you for sharing.
<http://bit.ly/InvestInOregon>
Katy Holland
Education Specialist
Siletz PHD Area Office.

On November 5, 2012, our daughter Amanda, came to the ER at OHSU. She was very close to death at that point. She was septic. Her liver and kidneys were failing. She was immediately admitted to the ICU. Amanda was put on a 6 week course of IV antibiotics and it quickly became apparent that she would not be going home to her foster home where she was being cared for because of mental health issues. Case management immediately began looking for a facility that could care for someone with IV antibiotics. No one was found.

In late November, while the hospital was working to manage Amanda's infection and difficult IV access in hopes that she could be discharged Amanda had an allergic reaction to one of her antibiotics and was again put into the ICU because her kidneys were failing. A few days later she went back to the floor. On the morning of December 9, Amanda had a massive hemorrhagic stroke. The bleed in her brain was the size of my fist. After several hours of surgery where they removed 1/2 of her skull and could not effectively control the bleeding in her brain, Amanda was taken to the Neurosciences ICU with no pressures and we prepared to say goodbye to our daughter.

But Amanda did not die and in fact it became clear that she was improving and she was going to live. She was trached and given a feeding tube and moved to the regular floor with other stroke patients.

By the end of January the hospital again began to look for a facility for her. Again, no appropriate placement was found.

In February they put Amanda's skull back in place and weaned her from the trach. She contracted pneumonia, went to the ICU and was trached again.

By March of 2013, Amanda had again been weaned from her trach and we hoped that this would make it possible for her to leave the hospital. No appropriate placement was found.

In late March, after interviewing several nursing and foster homes (in one day I visited 6 homes) someone was finally frank enough to tell me what was going on. The truth was, the county was not moving forward on finding a home for Amanda and was not offering the proper funding needed because it was cheaper to keep Amanda in the hospital. If they kept Amanda in the hospital, state and federal funds would kick in and pay for her care and the county would not have to foot the bill.

This was done to save money. In the meantime, Amanda acquired at least 5 hospital related infections, one of them another sepsis. She had at least 6 stays in intensive care. She was in the hospital to the end of May, nearly 7 months from the time she came to the ER in November.

So while the county was saving money, Amanda's hospital bills mounted to a catastrophic level. Her life, which the doctors and nurses had worked so hard to save and which the state had paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to save, was now being threatened not by her stroke which she was recovering from, but by being in the hospital and being daily exposed to antibiotic resistant bacteria. It was only after the hospital and us voiced the possibility of legal action, that the state and county finally offered what was a somewhat reasonable amount to pay for her care outside of the hospital.

There's a lot of talk these days about saving money with preventive care. The medical foster care system is an example of how that really works.

After 7 months in the hospital, Amanda has remained out of the hospital except for 2 necessary procedures since June of 2013. This would not have happened without the 24 hour care of her caregivers and the medical oversight that is provided in medical foster care. Amanda and many patients like her are not appropriate for nursing homes where staffing has a 1 to 14 patient to staff ratio. In fact, only 1 nursing administrator of a nursing home was willing to speak with me and consider our request to have Amanda placed in their home. After hearing of Amanda's needs he told me the truth. No nursing home would be able to adequately care for her and he told me that anyone who said they could was not telling me the truth.

Julie McConnell

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I understand that the state has a very serious deficit problem. And I understand very well the high cost of caring for someone as sick as Amanda. But I hope that you can see from the little bit that I've shared of Amanda's story, that money was certainly not saved by refusing to pay for needed care. Money was spent. It was spent unwisely. It cost a great deal for the taxpayers and it cost our daughter and us emotionally and physically in ways that cannot be measured.

I know, and Amanda's caregivers know, that money is not being saved by cutting funding to care that is needed. Failing to give the proper care and pay what it actually costs means a lower quality of care, more illness, more hospitalization, emotional cost to patients and their families and ultimately it costs lives.

Amanda lives today by God's grace and the care that she is being provided every day in her medical foster home. We are thankful that these programs exist to help those who have such high care needs. Without that, we would not have the joy of seeing our daughter every day.

Julie McConnell
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Hello Chair Delvin, Chair Buckley and committee members. Thank you for having us here today. My name is Laurie McDowell and I live at 7639 SE 140th Dr, Ptld, 97236.

I am here today to urge you to support FULL FUNDING for ODS.

I am a retired sixth grade science teacher. Throughout my career of 20+ years, I took kids to ODS every year. Each and every time, I had students who experienced tremendous growth both as individuals and as appreciators of the incredible natural resources we have here in Oregon. My students were respected for their learning styles and ideas. They learned how to build community with others. The science component is phenomenal and is so much more "hands-on" than what we can do in the classroom. If you asked adults today about their middle school years and what influenced them the most, they will invariably say it was their Outdoor School experience in sixth grade.

The six-day, five night residential field science program is by far the most effective way to give students the opportunity to study natural sciences. As an added bonus, much of what is learned at ODS, both academically and socially, translates into confidence back at school in other arenas such as math, language arts, and classroom/playground interactions.

Six days and five nights of ODS for our children across our great state of Oregon? You know this is a win-win for us, for our children, and for our future. Let's get in there and get this funded.

Thank you.

To: Oregon Legislature Joint Ways and Means Committee

Re: Approve funding for HB 2626, SB 336, SB 902

Date: April 16, 2015

Dear Chair Devlin, Chair Buckley and Members of the Committee:

I am here in support of HB 2626, SB 336, SB 902 the forward looking funding for school-based health clinics. I am Tom Sincic, a Family Nurse Practitioner. I have worked in a School Based Health Center for 25. As a mathematics teacher in 1972 I saw first-hand health issues that presented barriers to learning. I did not have a school clinic to turn to. I became a nurse practitioner to do this work of keeping children healthy and ready to learn. The Oregon Legislature has a solid history of recognizing the important role of school clinics in keeping kids healthy and ready to learn. This is the opportune time to invest just a little more to do so much more for kids. For the sake of our children and their families please support the twenty school communities that are crying to have their children receive the health and educational benefits that these centers provide.

In 2003, in the midst of significant budget cuts that included elimination of all funding for school clinics, I appeared before the legislature with Tina Kotek to share my thoughts. The legislature wisely restored all of the funding and the results of that wise decision are evident today as school clinics are a key element of health care transformation and educational success. I am here to suggest that today in the midst of challenging budget discussions this Legislature can find the wisdom to pass these bills.

I recently saw a fifth grader brought by very concerned parents for school failure. This fifth grader was exposed to domestic violence and a parental history of substance abuse problems from an early age, has been a victim of bullying, there are questions of a learning disability, and past treatment with medications resulted in suicidality. The family is trying but they need help. They shared with me their desires for their child and their fears and issues of trust. They left ready to take the next steps and said, "we feel we have been heard". I can tell you with much certainty that thanks to a school-based health center, this child, for the first time, has a chance of having long term educational success. Why--access to care where and when needed. Schools know that and it is why so many are seeking this opportunity.

The investment has been and will continue to be worth it. Thanks for listening.



Tom Sincic, Family Nurse Practitioner

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4-H, OSU Extension

My name is Hannah Meisenhelder and I live in NE Portland. I am 16 years old and have been in 4-H for almost 10 years through Clackamas county. Currently, I am enrolled through 4-H in Poultry, Pigeons, Rabbits, Impromptu and Illustrated Public Speaking, The Clackamas County Ambassador Team, Art, Creative Writing, and Foods and Nutrition.

My involvement in 4-H has benefitted me in innumerable ways throughout my life. Taking care of my animals has always given me something productive to do with my time, and I have acquired knowledge from breeding and raising my own animals that I would not have learned through a science textbook. Likewise, the things I have learned about my animals have helped me better understand the concepts of biology and animal science as I go through school.

In Foods and Nutrition I have learned safe and healthy ways to prepare tasty dishes for my family, and creative writing has helped me greatly improve my prose skills. The judges' critiques of my Art projects have given me lots of tips I just couldn't learn from watching internet tutorials. Now I have a much better understanding of how art works, and a much higher appreciation for artwork thanks to 4-H.

My public speaking experience from 4-H has helped me immensely in speeches and presentations at school. Teachers are always quick to ask how I got the confidence I have when speaking in front of a group, and I always reply, "It's 4-H". I am certain that if nothing else, my 4-H experiences with speaking in front of others will definitely help me later in life.

By participating in various competitions through my many projects, I have developed one of the most important skills someone should have: good sportsmanship. I learned the concepts of being fair, and being able to learn from every opportunity from a young age. It is always important to me to be able to make the best of any situation-- regardless of whether you win or lose.

One of the biggest and most important things 4-H has given me is a community to be a part of. It has proven to be hard for me to make many close friends, because there are not a lot of people I share common interests with. But when I'm together with fellow 4-Hers, we all have something in common immediately, and it helps us all come out of our shells quicker. Since all of my 4-H clubs are dedicated to performing community service, I am able to get to know my peers a lot better as we participate in community benefiting activities, and bond in a way I can't do a lot at school.

Through 4-H, by bonding during community service activities, and improving my skills and knowledge as an individual, I have grown in so many ways that if you took 4-H out of my life, there's no doubt that I would be a completely different person. **Please fully fund the OSU Extension Service** and all its programs including the \$16 million increase to the base funding. Hopefully this way, many other children will be able to share in the life changing experiences 4-H has given me. Thank you.

4-H, OSU Extension, Testimonial

My name is LuAnn Meisenhelder and I live in NE Portland. I have been a 4-H leader for over 10 years now through Clackamas Co. I lead a club of 20 youth in Small animals, which includes Poultry, rabbits and Pigeons, Foods and Nutrition, as well as art.

My own 3 children have benefitted tremendously from 4-H through learning animal science, responsibility, projects that create growth and knowledge, and great adult mentors that have poured into their lives from kindergarten through their high school years. Because of the different project choices kids can make, a family can be in one 4-H club without all separating into different extracurricular activities.

4-H is a youth development program. 4-H takes a project like poultry to capture the child's interest and teaches them life skills, presentation skills, and community service and citizenship. Through 4-H youth learn and grow, and are challenged, in a safe and nonthreatening environment.

The clubs are made up of kids with similar interests NOT all the same ages. Students from kindergarten through high school come together with their similar interests. The older students teach and help the younger students. This develops mentorships relationships and progresses into friendships.

Appropriate to their age level, the youth give presentations and demonstrations to share and teach others. These skills are a great benefit in progressing to presenting in public and speaking with adults.

4-H focuses on Citizenship. My Son has been on a one month exchange program to Australia to live on a cattle ranch. He attended school with his host siblings and helped out on the ranch. He had a life experience we could never have given him.

He has attended and led mock senate meetings at our Oregon State capital in the 4-H event "Know Your State Government". He has traveled to Washington D.C. several times to attend and lead sessions for the 4-H national youth conferences. (add Atlanta)

My 16 year old daughter has hosted a Japanese exchange student and been an exchange student to Japan. As a host family our world view was expanded and we now are more culturally diverse and informed. As an exchange student herself, my daughter was challenged and taught a different culture and world view. These life lessons will shape our future.

4-H gives youth PRODUCTIVE things to do with their time. 4-H youth learn animal science or nutrition or presentation skills while having fun. In our technology world, 4-H clubs offer youth interests, skills, and relationships.

Community Service is a part of 4-H. Adult volunteers spend time teaching youth the value of being productive members of society. Our clubs have participated in; Fairview creek clean up, recycling and conservation, demonstrating and teaching at fairs, workshops and schools; meeting senior citizens and sharing our animals at nursing homes and assistant living centers, working at farmers markets, and more.

4-H benefits families, communities and our State. **Please fully fund the OSU Extension Service** and all its programs including the \$16 million increase to the base funding. Thank you.

My name is Maria Meisenhelder, I live in Gresham and I am 16 years old. I have been in Clackamas County 4-H for almost 10 years. I have been active in many project areas including: Public Speaking and Educational Displays, Small Animals (Poultry, Rabbits, and Pigeons), Foods and Nutrition, Leadership, and Art. My twin sister and my older brother are also past or current 4-H members.

One of my key 4-H experiences was being a host sibling to a Japanese 4-H exchange student. She helped me broaden my worldview; and then last summer I was selected to participate in an 8-week 4-H International Exchange program to Japan. That experience has had a key impact on my career goals.

Through 4-H I have learned to give back to my community, to grow as an individual, to develop a sportsmanship attitude, to teach others, to develop empathy, and to do my best whatever the outcome. I enjoy serving others and participating in citizenship activities; such as being in parades and representing the United States as an exchange participant.

I have attended OSU 4-H Summer Conference and learned many skills from the workshops there. I learned to get along with other youth from around the state and to find how similar yet different we all are. I have grown as a person through my many years of 4-H involvement.

In closing, I want to ask you to please support the \$16 million dollars of additional funding for OSU Public Statewide Services to grow and expand programs and opportunities for more Oregonians. Thank You!

My name is John Meisenholder, a resident of Gresham, a parent and leader of 4-H youth. I have twin daughters, aged 16, who are active in 4-H clubs. Their project areas are: Small Animals (Poultry, Rabbits, and Pigeons), Foods and Nutrition, Leadership, and Art. My son, 22, is currently active in Collegiate 4-H at Oregon State University; supplementing his 9 years as a 4-H youth.

I am one of three adult advisors to the Clackamas County 4-H Ambassador Team. The team is a youth leadership development club for high school-aged youth. We provide growth opportunities for youth to hone their leadership, presentation, budgeting, and organizational skills. Over the past 3 years we have numbered in excess of 25 youth. Youth learn by doing as well as by observing. A key component of youth development provided by 4-H is "learning by doing".

Our youth have learned:

- To Give back (through community service activities)
- To Grow (from their mistakes and successes)
- To Achieve their goals (planning and execution)
- To Develop a citizenship focus (public speaking, parades, and international exchange participation)
- To Serve others (teaching younger youth and being role models)

I currently serve on the tri-county Metro 4-H Awards and Recognition Committee and I am serving my fourth term on the State 4-H Recognition Committee. It has been a privilege to come to know many of our state's youth leaders and to learn what exceptional individuals they are. I have seen many of them rise beyond their initial expectations and grow into capable and engaged young adults.

My own children have experienced the following: 4-H International Exchange to Australia, being host siblings to a Japanese 4-H exchange student, 4-H International Exchange to Japan, attending OSU 4-H Summer Conference, attending National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC, attending Experiencing Citizenship in Salem, and attending National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA.

My children have spent many hours preparing for and showing at Clackamas County Fair and Oregon State Fair. They have learned Public Speaking, how to interact with adults; create Educational Displays, to be judged on their efforts, and to develop Good Sportsmanship. Through 4-H programs they have developed the skills to be successful, engaged and caring individuals. 4-H is not about winning or losing, ribbons or belt buckles; rather it is about Youth Development in all facets of their lives. It is an opportunity to be mentored by adult professionals and volunteers seeking to help youth develop their potential to become mature, realistic and engaged adults.

Please support \$16MM of increased funding of new money for the OSU Public Statewide Services to expand programs and opportunities for more Oregonians and Oregon youth. Our investment has the potential to reap benefits well beyond the expenditure. Thank You!

OSU'S EXTENSION PROPOSED SB657 \$16 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Tonight, I come before you to encourage passage of SB 657.

Over 150 years ago President Lincoln recognized higher education for women wasn't the norm. Therefore, he wanted to help them achieve their educational potential in America by establishing a nation wide "Extension Service" program to teach them home economics skills within their homes and domestic lives. President Lincoln wanted women to be able to learn home making skills in cooking, food preserving, sewing, child care, and many other venues of their domestic lives.

Because of President Lincoln's foresight, today's extension service throughout Oregon has become a major educational force in all thirty-six counties helping to provide 4-H, Saturday markets, the Master Gardener Program, education in canning and cooking, classes for youth besides the 4-H programs, leadership training, plus many other benefits that assist our Oregon citizens to become better people and better providers in their personal and family's lives.

Last Sunday's Oregonian had an article that stated the Oregon Legislature passed their biennium funding budget for the "2015 K-12 education funding for \$7.255 Billion Dollars". Meanwhile the "Oregon State University Public Service Programs – The Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Research Laboratory - provide state-of-the-art research and outreach in all 36 Oregon counties". Can any of you imagine the true cost to our state's budget if these thousands of OSU Extension's volunteer hours had to be staffed and administered like our State's K-12 education program? It is stated that for each OSU Extension dollar budgeted and spent in Oregon, it will return over ten dollars in additional benefits back into Oregon's economy.

SB657 is asking for only an additional "SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS" over our base allocation, and this true cost to the State of Oregon would be only 0.2215 percent of one percent of the '2015 K-12 Education Budget' with far greater efficiencies than our State's educational programs. Since all citizens can be and are benefiting from the OSU Extension System, I strongly encourage every "Legislator" to support this 'BILL' that will truly enhance all of Oregon's citizens state wide. I sincerely encourage a "YES" vote for SB657.

Finally, when I was in Salem on March 10th talking with the Clackamas County Senators and Legislators, SB 657 became obviously a non-partisan issue. Many of the political sponsors who are endorsing SB657 usually and collectively would never agree on other issues, but since the obvious State of Oregon benefits for this 2015 OSU Extension's extended budget will assist all of Oregon, the co-sponsors seem excited to give their by-partisan approval.

Thank you for your time -
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April 16, 2015

HB 2721: FARM TO SCHOOL AND SCHOOL GARDENS

Healthy food for healthy learning... and a healthy economy

Districts And Communities All Over Oregon are Benefitting

Twenty-six school districts have received grants so far. Highlights include:

Bend: Piloted “Boat to School” program with fish and shrimp from the Oregon coast, and brought three fishing representatives (Oregon Trawl Commission and Bornstein Seafood) inland for “Boat To School” day. Also worked with the FFA to raise, slaughter, and serve local pork: students learned the business, agricultural, and culinary side of their project from “pork to fork” and the district is able to serve local food.

Clatskanie: Using a Youth Advocates 4 Health program where teens are trained on gardening, nutrition, and food safety. Teens serve as role models and health advocates in their school and broader community.

Gladstone: Purchased primarily locally-processed breads and cut vegetables. Developed a relationship with a local farm, Livesay Farm, from which the school bought some food and where students went to plant and harvest crops in the fall and in the spring.

Molalla: High School “Culture Club” has focused on creating and cultivating a new giant courtyard garden, which has changed the culture on campus for the better, has transformed teen’s lives, and even decreased vandalism and youth problems in the community.

Roseburg: Purchased over \$3,000 in local berries and also over \$3,000 in (combined) apples and pears, plus Oregon-made breads, and lightly processed corn, beans, and other vegetables. Built a new learning garden and garden program: bought 10 yards of soil, worm bins, wheelbarrows, shovels, irrigation, teaching kits and more.

Sisters: “Feature days” in the cafeterias have highlighted local products, including: Boat to School Day featuring Oregon tuna, Oregon Burger Day featuring Oregon beef, Tillamook cheese, and Franz buns, Local Bagel Day featuring Oregon bagels, and Local Potato day featuring a potato bar.

Other participating districts in the 2013 Pilot and/or 2013-15 Grant:

Beaverton, Bethel, Centennial, Corvallis, Eugene 4J, Gladstone, Hillsboro, Joseph, Lebanon, McMinnville, North Powder, Oakridge, Ontario, Portland, Port Orford, Rainier, Salem-Keizer, Sherman, South Lane, Springfield, Yamhill-Carlton



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HB 2721: FARM TO SCHOOL AND SCHOOL GARDENS

Healthy food for healthy learning... and a healthy economy

Connecting Classrooms, Crops and Cafeterias

Farm to School and School Garden programs work to:

- Create market opportunities for Oregon's farmers, fishers, ranchers and food processors
- Improve youth and adults' knowledge of & attitudes toward agriculture, food and nutrition
- Increase children's consumption of fruits & vegetables
- Improve children's life-long healthy eating habits
- Bridge urban-rural divides, and bring Oregon's coastline inland
- Increase community food security by strengthening local food systems

Oregon's Farm to School Program is Working

- Legislature created positions in the Departments of Agriculture and Education in 2007 and 2008 to support farm to school and school garden programs
- Legislature created a grant program in 2011 and expanded it in 2013, to help schools to purchase foods that are produced or processed in Oregon, and to provide "agriculture, food and garden-based education"
- Funds are currently awarded by competitive grants
- Most participating districts want to continue, and new ones want to join
- Farmers and processors like selling to schools but need more stability and a stronger market

Proposed Improvements Based on Lessons Learned

To better serve producers and schools

- Give all districts a fair share of the food funds, based on school lunches served. Districts will still be required to track and report on local purchases
- Allow districts to use the funds for local foods for any school meal programs, not just lunch
- Still award the funds for "agriculture, food and garden-based education" by competitive grants, but let non-profit organizations and commodity commissions also apply
- Expand total funding to \$5.6M to benefit all districts, and to let farmers and processor count on consistent buyers

This investment will directly benefit Oregon farmers and producers, stimulating rural economies, promoting healthy eating, and stemming long-term health care costs.



Hello,

My name is Daniel Leinbach. I am 17 years old, and I am a senior at Oregon Connections Academy. I have come to testify as a 4-H'er for the 16 million dollar funding increase for the statewide OSU Extension Service. I have been a part of the 4-H program for 7 years. Currently, I am the President of the Clackamas County 4-H Ambassador team, an Oregon State 4-H Ambassador, and a 4-H teen leader in my county. There are many 4-H projects that I am involved in, but my main projects are Horse, Sheep, Food Preservation, Leadership, and Leatherworking. Because of 4-H I have grown as a person and as a leader in my community and in the state. 4-H has expanded my Public speaking opportunities. My leadership skills have been greatly influenced and have grown because of my activity in the program. I have been able to participate and experiment with different project areas that have influenced what I want to do in the future with my career. After Graduation I will be going to Clackamas Community College and I plan to still be a part of 4-H as a leader so that I can give back as much as I can to the 4-H program. 4-H has opened so many doors for me in Agriculture, Politics, and working with others within our communities. As a state and county ambassador, I am constantly involved in service projects. I enjoy talking to adults and other kids in my community for 4-H promotion. Just this week, I had the honor of being an Honorary Page at the State Capitol all due to my involvement in 4-H. I have met Senators and Representatives throughout the State because of the opportunity 4-H gives me. All of these experiences have been amazing and memorable. 4-H has changed my life for the better and I know that with this 16 million dollar increase in funding for OSU extension more kids will be given the chance to grow and become active participating citizens in their communities. This money will not go to waste and will be used for the betterment of the program, Oregon youth, and our community as a whole.

Thank you so much for your time.

Daniel Leinbach

WHAT GOOD IS EXTENSION? It delivers . . . the right thing at the right time:

It brought research-based, reliable information for myself, a guy who was just starting to manage the family forestland late in the game . What game? The game of life with a working forest.

****my trees and I started life at about the same time, and reached full maturity i.e., a robust old age, at same time.**

****my family land is 1 part farm [where I learned as a kid in 4-H] plus it is 3 parts forest, where in my teens it was in early stages of regeneration. I loved hiking, swimming and horseback riding there and never thought I might someday be managing and eventual harvest of mature timber.**

****now OSU Extension Service still helps me learn from experience, from other's local experience and from formal peer-reviewed science findings brought here to my home county by faculty in the OSU college of forestry.**

**** this is practical information, packaged in booklets, classes, workshops and tours on some topics relevant to the markets, the season or the stage of development of the timber on our tree farm . This is non-credit, informal education, the most powerful and valuable kind.**

Such Extension--supported learning made a big dollar difference for us 13 years ago. Here's how it became a roughly \$75,000 gain over what it would have been without Extension. I learned on one of their tours that red alder, seen before as a sort of weed tree, was coming into greater demand --and price-- so its management for logs to make furniture was being investigated by OSU foresters. I had been thinking about taking out those weeds to plant more evergreen conifer.

Fortunately, we were able to delay cutting 11 acres of mostly alder for almost 10 years. By then the trees were bigger and the market was better. Those logs brought the same or even higher price per thousand bd. ft. as Douglas-fir. You may know that species as our Oregon state tree. For my family it is really the king of our forest. Now red alder is the new young princess.

You can help the next generations learn to manage forests like this if you fully fund OSU's budget request. We need to build back the capacity for program delivery that has been lost, especially over those 13 years since we began favoring alder alongside Doug-fir. There is no better investment in rural economy for all parts of our green and great state.



Ways & Means Committee, Community Hearing
Testimony of Holly Puckett, Campaign for Equal Justice
In support of HB 2329
April 16, 2015

Chair Buckley and Chair Devlin, members of the Committee, my name is Holly Puckett. I live in Portland and have been a member of the Oregon State Bar for about 3 years. I am testifying here today on behalf of the Campaign for Equal Justice in my role as Associate Director of this nonprofit. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2329 to provide increased revenue for legal aid.

History. The Campaign for Equal Justice was founded in 1991 by Oregon lawyers to increase access to justice in Oregon by supporting Oregon's legal aid programs. CEJ holds an annual fund drive that has raised \$25 million in support of legal aid in the past 25 years. CEJ also works to increase state and federal funding for legal aid, and educates the community about the civil legal needs of the poor. We operate an endowment fund to help build the future of legal aid. We work with about 300 lawyer volunteers and 3,000 donors each year who support an increase for civil access to justice in Oregon. We also work closely with the Oregon State Bar, the Oregon Law Foundation, and Oregon's legal aid programs.

The Justice Gap. There are currently about 850,000 people who live in Oregon and qualify for free legal help through legal aid. Legal aid estimates that with the current resources, they are able to meet about 15% of the existing need. This justice gap exists for those who need a lawyer to fairly access the justice system and who cannot access that help---and that gap has grown in recent years. From 2000 to 2012, the number of Oregonians in poverty rose steeply enough to put us 8th in the nation in terms of people experiencing poverty at 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. While our neighbors work to get back on their feet, they need to know that if they face a civil legal need, help is available to them. Having a justice system that is accessible only to those who can afford to pay is damaging to the rule of law, our communities, and to our entire democracy.

Legal Aid Funding. Currently, funding for legal aid is a state, federal and private partnership, and legal aid programs balance about 80 different sources of funding. A recent Task Force on Legal Aid Funding concluded (among many findings) that in order to provide minimally adequate access to justice, Oregon should have two legal aid lawyers for every 10,000 individuals who are eligible for legal services. This is based on national standards. Oregon currently has one legal aid lawyer for every 9,444 low-income individuals---so to meet national standards, we need to double our capacity. In financial terms, our goal is to double the annual revenue. HB 2329 is an immediate, meaningful step in that direction.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify today and thank you, Chair Buckley, Chair Devlin, and members of the committee, for your support of legal aid through the years. I am happy to answer any questions.

HB 2721: FARM TO SCHOOL AND SCHOOL GARDENS

Healthy food for healthy learning... and a healthy economy

Districts And Communities All Over Oregon are Benefitting

Twenty-six school districts have received grants so far. Highlights include:

Bend: Piloted "Boat to School" program with fish and shrimp from the Oregon coast, and brought three fishing representatives (Oregon Trawl Commission and Bornstein Seafood) inland for "Boat To School" day. Also worked with the FFA to raise, slaughter, and serve local pork: students learned the business, agricultural, and culinary side of their project from "pork to fork" and the district is able to serve local food.

Clatskanie: Using a Youth Advocates 4 Health program where teens are trained on gardening, nutrition, and food safety. Teens serve as role models and health advocates in their school and broader community.

Gladstone: Purchased primarily locally-processed breads and cut vegetables. Developed a relationship with a local farm, Livesay Farm, from which the school bought some food and where students went to plant and harvest crops in the fall and in the spring.

Molalla: High School "Culture Club" has focused on creating and cultivating a new giant courtyard garden, which has changed the culture on campus for the better, has transformed teen's lives, and even decreased vandalism and youth problems in the community.

Roseburg: Purchased over \$3,000 in local berries and also over \$3,000 in (combined) apples and pears, plus Oregon-made breads, and lightly processed corn, beans, and other vegetables. Built a new learning garden and garden program: bought 10 yards of soil, worm bins, wheelbarrows, shovels, irrigation, teaching kits and more.

Sisters: "Feature days" in the cafeterias have highlighted local products, including: Boat to School Day featuring Oregon tuna, Oregon Burger Day featuring Oregon beef, Tillamook cheese, and Franz buns, Local Bagel Day featuring Oregon bagels, and Local Potato day featuring a potato bar.

Other participating districts in the 2013 Pilot and/or 2013-15 Grant:

Beaverton, Bethel, Centennial, Corvallis, Eugene 4J, Gladstone, Hillsboro, Joseph, Lebanon, McMinnville, North Powder, Oakridge, Ontario, Portland, Port Orford, Rainier, Salem-Keizer, Sherman, South Lane, Springfield, Yamhill-Carlton

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Testimony: Request for Funding

Oregon State Extension Service

C/O Oregon State Joint Ways and Means Committee

To the State of Oregon, Joint Ways and Means Committee:

Hello, my name is Kelsey Leinbach. I am 19years old and live in Molalla, Oregon. I am currently a student at the Oregon Institute of Technology, studying Electrical and Optical Engineering. Since 2005, I have been involved in the Oregon State 4-H program- with over 20 project areas including small animals, expressive arts, natural sciences, cooking, sewing, livestock, with my main project area being horse and pony. In 2013 I graduated the Clackamas County 4-H program with high honors and represented the State of Oregon at the largest 4H conference in the United States, The National 4H Congress.

4-H has had an incredible impact on my life and I am now an adult leader in the program. 4-H is the reason why I am a confident leader in my local community, an officer of the Oregon Tech student government, and why I am actively involved in bringing awareness to youth about the impact they can have in the affairs of their State and National Legislation.

My request tonight is for the Joint Ways and Means Committee to please fully fund the OSU Extension Service, and all affiliated programs, their request of \$16 million to increase the base funding for our organization. With over 5,000 youth and adults involved in Oregon 4-H, I know that if we are fully funded, our program will be better able to further change the lives of our state's youth, improve the quality of leaders in the upcoming generations, and will continue to make the best better in our proud state.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelsey Leinbach". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kelsey Leinbach

Vice-Chair

Clackamas County 4-H Board of Directors



Thursday, April 16, 2015

Testimony: Request for Funding

Oregon Institute of Technology

C/O Oregon State Joint Ways and Means Committee

To the State of Oregon, Joint Ways and Means Committee:

Hello, my name is Kelsey Leinbach. I am 19 years old and currently a student at the Oregon Institute of Technology, studying Electrical and Optical Engineering. I am also the Administrative Officer of the student government at the Wilsonville Campus.

On behalf of the student body at Oregon Tech, I would like to personally thank the state for their support through the Oregon Opportunity Grant. Affordability for students is the key for those applying, and maintaining the status of student at our campus. In regards to retention, tuition is only half of the barrier. The other half is Student Services. Without the on-campus support that we receive through our faculty and student employees, the students in our program would not be as successful as they are today.

At Oregon Tech, we pay attention to detail in the support of our students. It is because of this that we come in at #8 in the US News Regional College West Rating. Almost 90% of our students are employed or enrolled in graduate schools 6 months after graduation. However, most of our students are only able to attend and complete our programs with financial-aid and on-campus support. In order to continue support to our students, who make up the 40-40-20 attainment goal, we request the amount of \$755million for the Oregon Public Universities.

Please be a part of the fulfillment of our student's dreams. Help them continue to graduation. With your support, we will continue to improve our schools and to graduate students who are shining representations of the state of Oregon.

Thank you.



Kelsey Leinbach

Officer of Administration

Oregon Institute of Technology, Wilsonville

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Hello. My name is Rod Boettcher and I am a current director on the Centennial District School Board and have been for 23 years. I am a graduate of that same district as are my sons and daughter and my grandsons and granddaughters will be also graduates. I am, you might say, invested for life in that district.

So many knowledgeable and smart people have sat before you to testify as to the insufficiency of school funding that I am sure that you have "heard it all" by now. I have even read local editorials from our local legislators that say they "get it", that the 7.255 billion is not sufficient. School board members and school personnel are hoping that the May revenue forecast will come in higher so that we can scrape a few more dollars into the school fund.

Just for Centennial to hold even, that forecast would need to be \$300 million more to the fund Centennial's \$3 million share. Even though it is published that Education's increase is 9%, it comes from statewide revenues that are up 11%! Also, the appropriation is mitigated by the State's new mandatory full-day kindergarten. Centennial will serve 4% more children due to these welcome additions. While numbers will vary from district to district, Centennial's increase in funding will be only 1.75%, a far cry from Office of Management and Budget numbers.

To address the elephant in the room, it has been published that the amount of the "kicker" this year will be around \$350 million. I also read today that the kicker, both personal and corporate, has been "suspended" by the legislature in various years' past. So that method of funding supplementation is not unheard of. *Why not consider it now?*

It has been noted that the three big players in the state's expenses are education, public safety and health and human services. I would suggest to you that education is the key to reducing the costs for the other two. But it has to start with the political will to make the first move to increase the funding for education so that it can begin working on its impact, albeit delayed, on the other two sectors. I am convinced that neither of the other two sectors could have the magnitude of impact that education does.

There has been over a decade of underfunding the needs of education. As a state, we have reaped what we have sown in mediocre national test scores. The numbers of teachers teaching our kids are too few. The number of new state and national mandates are too many -- and increasing. We are losing too many kids to low paying jobs and the penal system. We are gaining too many kids for whom the educational system is, by law, the guardian of their welfare and nutritional needs. We are losing too many valuable and veteran teachers because the pressure and the hours just spent keeping up are becoming just too unbearable.

What you expect of us is huge. Fund us like you believe that! Thank you!

Thursday, April 16, 2015

MEMO TO: Oregon Legislature Joint Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Hal Broughton

SUBJECT: Testimony at East Portland Field Hearing

My name is Hal Broughton and I live in Lake Oswego. I am happy to report that I am now over 80 and, therefore, feel like I can offer perspective from someone who's seen it all.

I want to encourage your support and funding for Senate Bill 657 to increase the base funding for the Oregon's Public Statewide Services—including the OSU Extension Service, Agricultural Experiment Station, and Forest Research Laboratory. From what I've seen, these are vital services that are provided across this entire state from the urban and suburban areas to the rural portions of Oregon. These are services available to children through our 4-H Youth Development programs; to families from young to old—like me; and, to our farmers who we all rely on to grow our food and fiber, protect our land, and create important jobs.

Our programs bring the power of the university into every county throughout the state to solve local problems. Our information is unbiased and non-partisan. We teach people to be self-reliant.

Did you know that for every one dollar of state funds you spend on the Public Statewide Services, more than \$10 are returned in economic benefit throughout the state—alone. And, that says nothing of the incredible benefit of our youth programs that build the next generation of leaders for our communities and state.

In my view, the Public Statewide Services are TRUE VALUE, as Paul Harvey would have said. It's where I think we should be spending the state's money. Let's invest in the future of this state's people and our prosperity. Please show your support by passing and funding Senate Bill 657. IT'S GOOD FOR OREGON!

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hal Broughton". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a large, stylized 'H' and 'B'.

Hal Broughton

38 Greenridge Court, Lake Oswego 97035

**Ways and Means Committee
Community Hearings
April 16, 2015**

Testimony of Annie Neal

Co-Chairs Devlin and Buckley, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Annie Neal, and I have more than 25 years of experience as a professional working in the field of domestic and sexual violence intervention. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of increased funding for legal aid. This committee is well aware that domestic violence is a serious public health and safety issue in Oregon that causes great destruction.

- In a 2004 survey of Oregon women ages 20 to 55 years old, nearly one-third (31%) reported that they had experienced one or more types of violence victimization - including threats of violence, physical and sexual assaults, or stalking.
- Between 1997 and 2003, 123 homicides occurred among Oregonians age 12 and older, due to intimate partner violence; in 2007, 20 deaths were related to intimate partner violence in 2007.
- Children are affected by intimate partner violence (IPV). Children witnessed 33% of intimate partner physical assaults and 20% of intimate partner sexual assaults.

Having worked with and on behalf of victims of domestic and sexual violence for more than twenty years, I am very familiar with the legal needs of victims and the vital services provided by legal aid. Victims rely on legal aid attorneys to obtain emergency restraining orders and permanent custody and divorce judgments. Since abusers often perpetuate abuse in the workplace or in rental units, victims require additional legal assistance on employment or housing matters. Frequently, legal issues relating to public benefits, medical bills, and consumer debts must be addressed. All these efforts increase the safety and long term stability of victims and their children.

Legal aid also has played an instrumental role in Multnomah County's coordinated response to domestic violence and sexual assault for more than two decades, serving on the Family Violence Coordinating Council, the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team (DVERT)), and the Gateway Center for Domestic Violence Advisory Board. Legal aid also serves clients directly at the Gateway Center.

Legal aid lawyers provide legal assistance and advocacy to low-income victims as they seek safety and justice. Other legal aid lawyers like Sybil Hebb and Robin Selig give victims a voice in policy making at the state and local level, helping improve the systems and structures designed to serve victims.

Despite making domestic violence a priority, and getting significant help from private pro bono attorneys, legal aid cannot meet the enormous need for legal services. Civil legal services are one of the priorities that need to be better funded in Oregon. We desperately need additional civil legal services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Please support increased funding for legal aid through HB2329. Thank you.

Annie Neal - annieneal@yahoo.com
House District 45, Senate District 23 (Portland, Oregon 97232)

To: Ways & Means Committee

From: Judy Alley, SnowCap Executive Director judy@snowcap.org

Subject: In Support of OSU Extension

Date: April 16, 2015

OSU Extension strengthens Oregon communities in five major ways.

- They develop new technologies for business and value added manufacturing.
- They research & teach sustainable management of our working landscapes.
- They help rural communities assess and improve water quality.
- They promote the public health by teaching food safety and increasing food security.
- And, they play a big role in educating the workforce of tomorrow.

I am here to share with you some of the ways Extension promotes public health by teaching food safety and increasing food security.

For 48 years SnowCap volunteers have been working to feed and clothe their neighbors in need. I have been blessed to work with these outstanding people for 25 of those years. Currently, we have 1,000 volunteers feeding and clothing an average of 9,000 low income people each month.

Our programs include a community garden, food pantry, mobile food pantry and home delivery for seniors. Getting food to people who need it is an incredibly satisfying thing. However, it only meets an immediate need. People will want to eat again tomorrow.

Our 23 year partnership with Extension is the "teach a man how to fish" part of the solution. Extension teaches low income families how to raise their own food, how to preserve an abundant harvest and how to prepare healthy, economical meals. Extension teaches our volunteers how to do these things so that when they are not present, our volunteers can step in to provide this information.

Just a few examples of their current work with us.

- OSU Extension SNAP-Ed does mini-classes on Skillet Meals in our lobby. Watching these demonstrations and tasting the results has increased our traffic on Thursdays as people come as much for the class as the food itself.
- Their twice weekly Food Hero Nutrition Classes are wonderful examples of the hands-on outreach that equips participants to better use the often unusual foods (donated foods) that they receive from SnowCap.
- The summer garden project focusing on tomato food preservation, apple and carrot drying and recipes to use these preserved food products.
- Presentations to our Board of Directors to raise awareness of the value of community partnerships strengthen SnowCap's effectiveness in the community.

Full funding for OSU Extension is matched by many private, voluntary efforts like SnowCap throughout the state. This builds stronger communities and more self-reliant people. Without Extension SnowCap would just be giving food to the poor. With Extension we are able to teach them to provide for themselves. This gift of dignity and self-reliance is important for the people who receive it AND it is good for the entire State of Oregon.

Let me illustrate: One day an Extension staffer was in our lobby demonstrating the making of soup from small amounts of foods that might already be in the home. A young woman with two small children was watching intently. Suddenly she exclaimed, "Wow! You can make your own soup!"

This woman had probably been discarding leftovers from her refrigerator for years and then trying to find money to buy a can of Campbell's soup. Seeing the process first hand, tasting the result, seeing that her children enjoyed the result---this sold the woman on a new cooking technique.

In the future this woman will be able to use what she has on hand to feed her family and she will save some cash in the process. This is how Extension teaches self-reliance at SnowCap and throughout Oregon.

April 14, 2015

Public Testimony
Mt. Hood Community College
Gresham, Oregon

Dear Oregon Legislature's Joint Ways and Means Committee

I'm here tonight in support of Oregon State University's Statewide Public Service Program.

During January through March of this year my family and I received a 9 week nutrition and food safety course in our home provided by OSU Extension's Nutrition Education Program. My son Edgar was overweight, had been diagnosed with asthma and was pre-diabetic, while my other son, Oscar was found to have high blood pressure. It was then that I realized we had to do something about our bad habits!

During the 18 hours of OSU Extension classes we learned how to:

- Eat smaller portions
- Plan and cook healthy meals, making sure to add more fruits and vegetables to our meals
- Use a shopping list. We've stopped buying items we don't need and are saving money! Our SNAP benefits now last all month!
- Eat together and exercise together as a family! My sons play soccer and we walk to the park together! I've also learned that I need to be a good example for my sons!

I recently took my sons to the doctor and he congratulated me on doing a great job! Edgar has lost weight and is no longer having issues with his asthma and Oscar's blood pressure is in the normal range.

I believe that OSU Extension programs are important because they help families solve problems! Please restore the \$16 million dollar increase to the Statewides' budget, so that new or expanded programs can be funded.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the below address.

Sincerely yours,

Yesenia Reyes
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14 de abril 2015

**Testimonio Público
Mt. Hood Community College
Gresham, Oregon**

Estimado Comité de Medios y Albitos Conjuntos de los legisladores de Oregon

Estoy aquí esta noche para apoyar a la Universidad del Estado de Oregon y su Programa de Servicio Público a nivel Estatal.

Mi esposa y yo nos involucramos en los cursos de Caminar con Gusto y con el Programa de Educación Nutricional de la Universidad del Estado de Oregon en este año. Yo tenía problemas de espalda, mi diabetes estaba subiendo y bajando y yo necesitaba bajar de peso. Mi esposa luchaba con la presión arterial alta y problemas de peso también. Un promotor de salud local de mi iglesia nos conectó con estos programas.

Durante las 9 semanas con el curso Caminar con Gusto nosotros aprendemos la importancia de hacer ejercicio todos los días, el calentamiento, estiramiento y enfriamiento de los músculos durante sesiones de ejercicios. Cuando combiné esta información con las 8 semanas del curso de educación nutricional yo baje 15 libras en tres meses. Mi esposa ha perdido casi 10 libras.

¡Mi esposa y yo nos hemos dado cuenta de la importancia del balance en comer una dieta sana y el ejercicio! Ahora estamos planeando las comidas y alimentándonos mejor y ahorramos dinero al mismo tiempo. Además, ahora comemos más frutas y verduras, porciones más pequeñas, cocinamos comidas saludables utilizando recetas saludables del Programa de Extensión, ya leemos las etiquetas de los alimentos, etc.

Ahora tengo un mejor control de mi diabetes y apreciamos toda la información recibida en estos programas.

¡Yo creo que los programas de la Universidad del Estado de Oregon Servicio de Extensión son importantes porque ayudan a las familias a prevenir y resolver los problemas! Por favor, restaurar el aumento de \$16 millones de dólares para el presupuesto de los "Statewides", para que los programas nuevos o ampliados se puedan financiar.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo en la siguiente dirección.

Muy Atentamente,

**Ángel Bautista
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Dear Joint Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Hannah Markowski, and I am writing to you in support of the \$16 million in increased funding for the OSU Extension. 4-H is a non-curricular program designed to help kids grow in many ways. This program has helped me grow a lot in the six years I have participated in it. It has helped me become more responsible, expand my leadership skills and find new skills to learn.

In learning to fulfill deadlines for projects, completing paperwork and helping inexperienced people learn the 4-H rules and schedule, participating in 4-H has helped me become more responsible. I have also learned to be responsible with money. During 4-H fair week I have to keep track of how much money I spend on lunch and sometimes dinner to have enough for throughout the week.

By taking shifts in the office, answering questions from the public and selling raffle tickets I have expanded my leadership skills and have become more comfortable working with the public. I have also improved my leadership by helping set up, clean up and run check-in tables. Check-in tables are where you sign in if you have a live presentation. I have also become a Jr. Superintendent. A Jr. Superintendent is someone in high school who helps the head of a "department." They might help hang exhibits and ribbons, or file paperwork.

While I continue to participate in this program, I want to become a better leader and someone that people look up to, both in and out of 4-H too. I would also want to become a judge or even a superintendent, the head of a department. I have many friends and know many people who participate in the program who are wonderful people.

If you were to compare the person I am today, to the person I was before 4-H, you would think these two entirely different individuals. Beyond the skills I have gained in my various project areas, I have learned so much that will help me in the "real world" such as leadership, communication skills and the importance of community service. I believe that all kids should experience 4-H, because it is a wonderful program that helps kids grow and learn. By supporting OSU Extension, you can allow other children to experience 4-H and grow in many different ways.

I ask that you choose to fund OSU Extension and by doing so, continue the tradition of Oregon 4-H and the creation of tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

Hannah L. Markowski
508 Roosevelt St
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April 16, 2015

Re: SB657

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mikayla Olinger. I am a senior in high school, and this is my 9th year participating in the 4-H program – a program which has taught me so many life skills and has prepared me to be successful in college and life beyond!

I respectfully request your support for SB657. Our 4-H Motto is “*To Make the Best Better*” – and the funding SB657 would provide to 4-H extension will open up so many more opportunities for positive growth – both to expand existing programs and begin new programs. In other words – SB657 will provide the means for us to continue to “*Make the Best Better!*”

Being a part of this program with its proven youth educational development and its community of amazing and giving people who are so willing to share their time, experience and support has touched my life in so many ways, and has played an enormous role in preparing me for life and has helped me figure out the kind of person I want to be.

The 4-H way of *learning by doing* began for me in 4th grade when I enrolled in my horse project – I was (and still am) so excited to share my love of horses with other kids who love their horses too! The cool thing about 4-H projects is that they are so much more than “just a project.” Each project area offers unique opportunities to learn, grow and develop leadership and life skills. For instance – when I was in 5th Grade, I was terrified at the thought of standing up in front of a group of people and presenting a horse-related topic. No way could I ever do that! But with encouragement, support and lots of practice in front of the mirror, I learned that I could stand up in front of people and talk. This is a skill that will help me for the rest of my life.

Each year my involvement in 4-H has grown through participation in numerous project areas such as woodworking, photography, food & nutrition, vet science, public speaking and more. Becoming a Clackamas County Ambassador and Teen Leader for my Club, and the opportunity to participate in the numerous leadership development opportunities 4-H offers, such as Leadership Retreats, Summer Conference, Experiencing Citizenship, the Marine Ambassador Program, Delegate for Citizenship Washington Focus, and Delegate for National 4-H Congress, has helped me gain so much confidence, and has helped to open my eyes to the multiple opportunities to give back to the community which has done so much for me. I look back through my Record Book at all the amazing experiences and opportunities 4-H has given me – and can't wait for

the next chapter of opportunities as an adult volunteer helping youth grow and reach their potential!

Page Two

Mikayla Olinger

Please support 4-H Extension by supporting SB657!

Thank you for your time and consideration of the value of SB657! Together we can continue to *Make the Best Better!*

Sincerely,

Mikayla Olinger

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April 16, 2015

Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
H-178, State Capitol
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Senator Devlin, Representative Buckley and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means:

I am writing to encourage support for higher education in Oregon and most specifically support for the OSU Statewide Programs. As an OSU Alumna (Class of '87, College of Home Economics), Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with 25 years of experience in nutrition education and promotion in Oregon, Chair of the Clackamas County Extension Advisory Council and Member of the Beaver Caucus, I have seen first-hand the value of education, research and community education provided by Oregon State University Statewide Programs and faculty.

As you know, the Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs – the Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service, and Forest Research Laboratory – provide state-of-the-art research and outreach in all 36 counties in Oregon. The expertise and advice generated by scientists and extension agents help solve such real-world problems:

- Water Quality and Quantity
- Sustainable Management of Working Landscapes (forest, farm and ocean)
- Public Health, Food Safety and Security
- Business Development and Value Added Manufacturing

Last year, the OSU Board of Trustees recommended a \$16 million increase to fund approximately 40 new positions that combines the strengths of all three statewide services. The Governor's Recommended Budget proposed an increase of \$3.3 million, which provides no funding or personnel for new or expanded programs. SB 657, which has received broad legislative support, restores the \$16 million increase to the budget to address major challenges facing Oregon.

The support you and your colleagues have provided over the years is very important and appreciated. You know how the Statewide Programs can help the whole state overcome the vexing challenge of bridging the economic divide between urban and rural Oregon. But the OSU Statewides must have more stable funding.

Finally, the overall funding for higher education in Oregon deeply concerns me. My husband and I are both graduates of OSU and now our son is attending the OSU Honors College. He is one of Oregon's "best and brightest" who chose to stay at home in Oregon despite much recruitment from public and private schools out of state. Honestly, the fact that in the last 8 years, Oregon universities saw a 27.7% decrease in state investment in higher education is an embarrassment. The state now ranks 47th in the country in funding per student. We can do so much better. Oregon's seven universities are seeking a unified budget that would retain the same level of support for students as was included in the budget passed during the 2007 legislative session: \$755 million for the biennium. This is a great place to make a difference.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these issues.

Sincerely,

Anne Talbott Goetze, RDN, FAND
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Hello,

My name is Daniel Leinbach. I am 17 years old, and I am a senior at Oregon Connections Academy. I have come to testify as a 4-H'er for the 16 million dollar funding increase for the statewide OSU Extension Service. I have been a part of the 4-H program for 7 years. Currently, I am the President of the Clackamas County 4-H Ambassador team, an Oregon State 4-H Ambassador, and a 4-H teen leader in my county. There are many 4-H projects that I am involved in, but my main projects are Horse, Sheep, Food Preservation, Leadership, and Leatherworking. Because of 4-H I have grown as a person and as a leader in my community and in the state. 4-H has expanded my Public speaking opportunities. My leadership skills have been greatly influenced and have grown because of my activity in the program. I have been able to participate and experiment with different project areas that have influenced what I want to do in the future with my career. After Graduation I will be going to Clackamas Community College and I plan to still be a part of 4-H as a leader so that I can give back as much as I can to the 4-H program. 4-H has opened so many doors for me in Agriculture, Politics, and working with others within our communities. As a state and county ambassador, I am constantly involved in service projects. I enjoy talking to adults and other kids in my community for 4-H promotion. Just this week, I had the honor of being an Honorary Page at the State Capitol all due to my involvement in 4-H. I have met Senators and Representatives throughout the State because of the opportunity 4-H gives me. All of these experiences have been amazing and memorable. 4-H has changed my life for the better and I know that with this 16 million dollar increase in funding for OSU extension more kids will be given the chance to grow and become active participating citizens in their communities. This money will not go to waste and will be used for the betterment of the program, Oregon youth, and our community as a whole.

Thank you so much for your time.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Leinbach". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, sweeping horizontal line at the end.

Testimony: Request for Funding

Oregon State Extension Service

C/O Oregon State Joint Ways and Means Committee

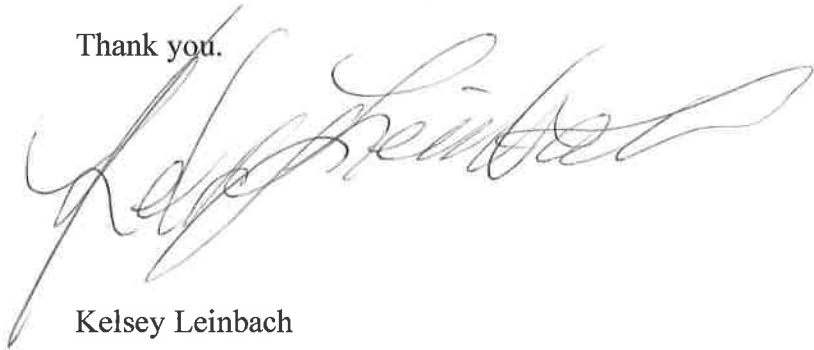
To the State of Oregon, Joint Ways and Means Committee:

Hello, my name is Kelsey Leinbach. I am 19years old and live in Molalla, Oregon. I am currently a student at the Oregon Institute of Technology, studying Electrical and Optical Engineering. Since 2005, I have been involved in the Oregon State 4-H program- with over 20 project areas including small animals, expressive arts, natural sciences, cooking, sewing, livestock, with my main project area being horse and pony. In 2013 I graduated the Clackamas County 4-H program with high honors and represented the State of Oregon at the largest 4H conference in the United States, The National 4H Congress.

4-H has had an incredible impact on my life and I am now an adult leader in the program. 4-H is the reason why I am a confident leader in my local community, an officer of the Oregon Tech student government, and why I am actively involved in bringing awareness to youth about the impact they can have in the affairs of their State and National Legislation.

My request tonight is for the Joint Ways and Means Committee to please fully fund the OSU Extension Service, and all affiliated programs, their request of \$16 million to increase the base funding for our organization. With over 5,000 youth and adults involved in Oregon 4-H, I know that if we are fully funded, our program will be better able to further change the lives of our state's youth, improve the quality of leaders in the upcoming generations, and will continue to make the best better in our proud state.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Leinbach', is written over a light blue circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kelsey Leinbach

Vice-Chair

Clackamas County 4-H Board of Directors

April 13, 2015

Joint Legislative Ways and Means Committee Members:

For the record, my name is Sherry Sheng. I live in West Linn, Oregon.

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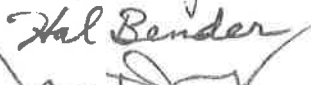


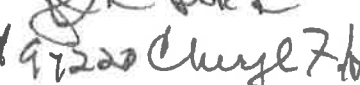
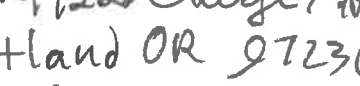
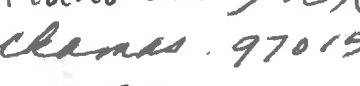
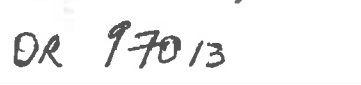
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Jane Collier

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Madeline Forsyth
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Shirley Henderson

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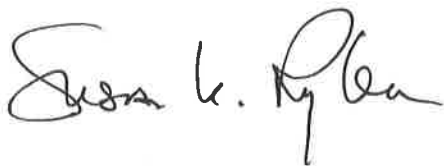
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Louise Adams
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Patti Barnes
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Sincerely,

Carol E. Zinsli
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*Laura Eyer, Master Gardener
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*Sharon Rueda
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April 16, 2015

Senator Richard Devlin
Representative Peter Buckley
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
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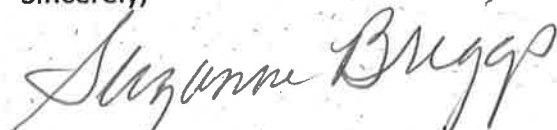
Dear Senator Devlin and Representative Buckley,

I am testifying on behalf of Oregon State University Extension Citizen Advisory Network (ECAN) members and their respective communities, but more specifically the community members in the state legislative districts covering the Portland metropolitan area. I live in the Hollywood District and became involved with OSU Small Farms Extension as co-founder of the Hollywood Farmers Market and the President of the Oregon Farmers Market Association. Tonight I want to share that investing in Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs is a capacity building investment to allow our communities to become more self-sufficient.

As you may know, the Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs, which include the Agricultural Experiment Station, Extension Service and Forest Research Laboratory, are key elements of community education and service outreach in all 36 Oregon counties. These programs are critically important to rural communities—this is obvious—but, just as important to our urban and suburban regions of the state. In fact, many of our local Portland area businesses and families rely upon the services that these programs provide in order to stay economically competitive globally, deal with issues of human health by combatting hunger and poverty, build our next generation of engaged citizens through the 4-H program, plus look to solutions that address environmental issues like growing food, minimizing pesticides, food safety, and improving water quality.

In this session you will hear from many OSU Statewide Public Services friends and ECAN members for support of a **comprehensive proposal put forward by the OSU Board of Trustees to add \$16 million for new and redesigned programs** that would strengthen economic vitality in many sectors of our communities. We simply can't wait any further to unleash the potential of these programs that address fundamental needs in the state. I ask for your support to fully fund Oregon State University Statewide Public Service Programs as proposed in Senate Bill 657.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Briggs".

Suzanne Briggs, Metro ECAN—Chair

Senate Bill 657

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN, Representatives KOMP, HACK; Senators BOQUIST, DEMBROW, GIROD, HANSELL, JOHNSON, KRUSE, THOMSEN, WHITSETT, Representatives BARKER, BENTZ, CLEM, DAVIS, DOHERTY, GOMBERG, HOYLE, HUFFMAN, JOHNSON, KRIEGER, MCKEOWN, PARRISH, RAYFIELD, REARDON, SMITH, SPRENGER, WHITSETT, WITT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Appropriates moneys to Higher Education Coordinating Commission for 2015 biennium for agricultural experiment station and branch station, Oregon State University Extension Service and Forest Research Laboratory programs of Oregon State University.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to state finance.

Whereas the agricultural experiment station, extension service and forest research laboratory programs of Oregon State University are central to the mission of the university; and

Whereas those programs rely in part on state financial support; and

Whereas those programs address emerging issues important to communities, families and industries in both rural and urban areas of Oregon; and

Whereas additional funding for those programs will enable increased investment in sustainable management of working landscapes, in improvements to water quality and quantity, in promotions of public health, food safety and security, in technologies for business development, in value-added manufacturing and in education for the workforce of the future; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$16,000,000, which may be expended for Oregon State University programs as follows:

(1) For the agricultural experiment station and branch stations, \$7,000,000.

(2) For the Oregon State University Extension Service, \$5,000,000.

(3) For the Forest Research Laboratory, \$4,000,000.

Over the last decade, in each legislative session, these programs have faced budget proposals from the Governor that would close facilities and reduce personnel. And each session, with your assistance and leadership, the legislature has stepped in to recover these programs. Unfortunately the Governor's proposal for the 2015-17 biennium, with a nominal 3% increase for the biennium, again holds the programs at a level of funding that does not meet their acknowledged cost increases.

We deeply appreciate the support you and your colleagues have provided over the years. You know how the Statewide Programs can help the whole state overcome the vexing challenge of bridging the economic divide between urban and rural Oregon. But the OSU Statewides are at a crossroads.

This year, with the help and support of a wide variety of interest groups and stake holders, the OSU Board of Trustees developed a comprehensive proposal to add \$16 million in new and redesigned programs aimed at making progress toward economic prosperity in every corner of the state. Because the newly-appointed Higher Education Coordinating Commission focused its efforts on the *education* elements of the universities and community colleges, it did not consider the *research and economic missions* of the universities. As a result, the HECC did not address the Statewides in its recommended budget to the Governor.

The Governor has indicated a top priority for meeting the needs of Oregonians in every corner of the state. The Statewides are a key component in achieving this mission. We hope that you will join us in addressing a number of unsolved environmental, social, and economic challenges that are robbing all Oregonians of their potential. These include:

- **Water Quality and Quantity** – The Statewide Programs help rural and urban communities develop strategies to increase water availability for agriculture, reduce water pollution in surface and ground water, and address changes to coastal water quality.
- **Sustainable Management of Working Landscapes** – Much of Oregon's productivity comes from its forests, farms, and nearby ocean. The Statewide Programs work with landowners and industries to help sustain these working landscapes. They help create practical approaches to eradicate invasive species, manage for at-risk species like marbled murrelet and sage-grouse, and support agricultural production from coast to high desert.
- **Public Health, Food Safety and Security** – The Statewide Programs help to ensure that Oregon families have what they need to live healthy lives. These programs include the full spectrum of food issues, from breeding new crops and developing food safety practices, to teaching family nutrition and promoting community health.
- **Business Development and Value Added Manufacturing** – The Statewide Programs provide knowledge and outreach to re-establish and grow resource-based, globally competitive industries in Oregon's rural communities. They support private sector development and investment in new technologies that drive value-added agricultural, seafood, and forestry products that are made in Oregon and that create family wage jobs in rural communities where they are needed the most.

We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks and months to make meaningful progress in a bi-partisan approach that addresses the needs of both urban and rural Oregonians in every corner of the state.

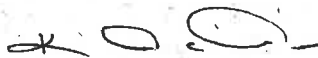
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Oregon Farm Bureau



Angela Crowley-Koch, Legislative Director
Oregon Environmental Council



Kristina McNitt, President
Oregon Forest Industries Council



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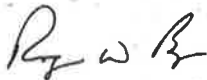
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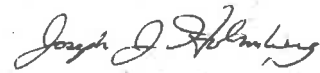
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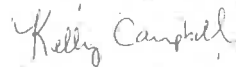
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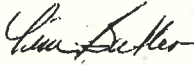
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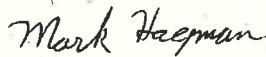
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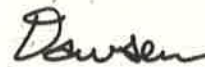
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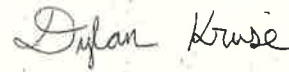
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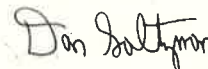
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