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House Committee on Education 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

I recently began working in Polk County as an Associate Planner after earning a Master of Community and Regional Planning at the University of Oregon. My experiences with the Sustainable City Year Program (SCYP) helped prepare me for this role, and I support HB 2594 to ensure more communities and students can benefit from direct engagement.

The experience I gained from the City of Albany SCYP project helped with the interview process for the City of Springfield Internship. In addition to the City of Albany SCYP project I took the Public Budgeting course that worked with the City of Portland, Tigard, and Tualatin. Ultimately I was selected to synthesize the public budgeting reports into one coherent report titled, "Autonomous Vehicle Revenue Implications for Portland, Tigard, and Tualatin". These experiences helped me obtain my current position at Polk County and will continue to help me in the future.

Sincerely,

Justin Peterson