

March 31, 2021

Senate Committee on Education
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Dembrow and Committee Members:

I support SB623 for the following reasons:

- Leverages and aligns existing resources, programs, services, and relationships to ensure people and businesses have access to the broadest array of available resources and services.
- Empowers the legislature and communities as partners in implementing equitable, effective approaches to state-funded workforce development programs.
- Emphasizes the need to inform program design and delivery at the local level and provides the structure to “meet people where they are.”
- Offers a comprehensive, holistic approach that brings multiple systems and partners together and promotes collective action.
- Provides a mechanism to identify and scale best practices, understand system shortcomings, and fill service and resource gaps.

Please pass this legislation as soon as possible, so we can provide help and resources to individuals in my community.

Sincerely,

Stanley Pickett
Lane Workforce Partnership Board Chair