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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners  
Policy Position  
SB 623: Related to Workforce Recovery**

**Clackamas County supports SB 623:** The Board of County Commissioners supports legislation that ensures the public workforce system is responsive to the needs of individuals and communities most impacted by COVID-19.

Supporting businesses in Clackamas County begins with supporting people. Clackamas County partners with the Clackamas Workforce Partnership to address the workforce, educational, and training challenges in building a skilled workforce. These hurdles exist in a world without pandemics and natural disasters, and have only been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic as businesses braced for an economic recession. As the economy rebounds, educated and skilled labor will be in high demand. Clackamas County's priority is on ensuring that our residents have the training and resources necessary to meet this demand.

SB 623 calls for a 45 day plan to prioritize service delivery to people most impacted by COVID-19, especially people of color, women, and younger Oregonians, as well as those in need of additional training and skill sets. It will build on elements of the workforce system that already work well, and leverage those strengths with new resources and relationships to equitably rebuild workforce needs that serve people and businesses alike.

SB 623 is good for people, good for Clackamas, and good for Oregon.

We urge a "YES" vote on SB 623.

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