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Chair Power, Vice Chair Reynolds, Vice Chair Zika, Representative Lively, Representative Neron, Representative Schouten, Representative Weber and Representative Wright, my name is Martha Brooks. I am the State Director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids and ReadyNation, a bi partisan, non-profit organization of senior law enforcement and business leaders with over 200 members in Oregon. Our law enforcement and business leaders have long understood that to get children started on the right path in life, help them get ready for and graduate from school, and become a productive part of our workforce, investments need to be made all the way along the continuum of early childhood programs. That includes the support systems that bind these programs together in a systematic and culturally responsive way. One of those systems would be the establishment of a Tribal Hub through HB 2055.

The creation of the Tribal Early Learning Hub is long over due and will fill a gap in Oregon's Early Learning system. Establishment of the Tribal Hub is at the request of Oregon Tribes. With the establishment of the Tribal Hub, it will provide a process by which the Tribes can design and develop their policies and programs impacting their own communities.

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids and ReadyNation ask for your support and passage of HB 2055.