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Hello Chair Lively, Vice-Chair McIntire, Vice-Chair Ruiz, members of the committee,

For the Record I am Representative Bobby Levy from House District 58, and I enthusiastically support of House Bill 2802.

Eastern Oregon's small population often leaves the region with a dearth of skilled workers, even with efforts by local education institutions to find careers in the region. Nonprofit work is not very lucrative, but it is increasingly needed in rural Oregon. The cities of House District 58 are home to 461 mutual and public benefit nonprofits, from domestic violence shelters and child abuse trauma centers to library boosters and historical societies.

The State has an opportunity to work closely to close the nonprofit labor pool gap with Portland State and Eastern Oregon University. HB 2802 establishes a pilot program at these universities to match registered nonprofits with students engaged in a relevant academic program. Participating nonprofits would be required to hire students as paid employees, and the students would receive a 20% tuition discount. This program will be funded by the State of Oregon, with funds appropriated to Portland State and EOU.

I urge the Committee to support this investment in the future of Oregon's nonprofit workforce.

Best,
Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58