



March 2, 2023

Senate Human Services Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members:

**RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act**

Old Mill Center for Children and Families asks you to pass SB 606, the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act. Your support is critical to the health of the nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

Old Mill Center supports vulnerable children and families in Benton and Linn Counties with a range of early childhood, prevention, family support, mental health, and pediatric occupational health services. Each year we serve more than 2,000 children and their families. Old Mill Center employs 70 staff and provides internships to 2-5 students each year.

As a medium size business which contracts with the State of Oregon for a variety of early childhood and family support services and 70 staff we are deeply impacted by the staff turnover when staff can access higher benefits and pay rates in local government, health and education settings. We also had to build up reserves to fund the cash flow demands when reimbursing contract payments from our State of Oregon contracts are delayed between 3 and 6 months at the beginning of Biennium contract cycles. We also face extra fundraising needs to help us fund the technology and admin support to provide services in effective and efficient ways.

The Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act will recognize that Nonprofits are valuable businesses and employers that partner with the State of Oregon in the delivery of important services to residents. All aspects of the bill are important, but those who will have the largest positive impact on our organization are:

- Eliminating reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants
- Requiring disbursement of contract funds within 30-days of signed contract
- Creating a state task force to reform nonprofit contracting in order to streamline and simplify the process, raise wages, and create an ecosystem of administrative



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policies, statutes and funding levels that lead to sustainable government/nonprofit partnerships)

Old Mill Center for Children and Families appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bettina Schempf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Bettina Schempf  
Executive Director