



March 1, 2023

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

Dear Committee Members:

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Serendipity Center 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 we serve.

Serendipity Center's mission is to provide the best environment for our students to heal and become educated, productive community members. Since 1979, our therapeutic school has been partnering with school districts across our region to serve students with the highest behavioral, mental health and special education needs.

Workforce turnover and recruitment continues to be our biggest challenge coming out of the pandemic. While we have worked to raise wages and create a more equitable salary program, we cannot compete with large school districts for employees. When we cannot recruit employees, we cannot bring students into our school safely and effectively. Therefore, our student waiting list continues to grow until we can hire the employees we need.

THE OREGON NONPROFIT MODERNIZATION ACT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO our nonprofit and the communities we serve by eliminating reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants, and by creating the Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund to provide grants nonprofits to help maintain and prevent employee turnover.

Serendipity Center appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Rachel Gitner  
Director of Development