



March 1, 2023

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

Dear Committee Members,

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Safe Kids Coalition for Clackamas County 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.

Safe Kids Coalition (SKC) is a non-profit organization that brings together community-based organizations that provide services for children, youth, and families in Clackamas County. Together, we represent the interests of over 80,000 children and youth in our community. Using a collective impact model, our goal is to ensure the critical services, such as providing safety, promoting healing, and improving the well-being of children and youth are available and accessible.

In our monthly meetings with our partner organizations, we continue to hear concerns related to challenges with funding contracts. We are all currently challenged to adequately staff and implement our programs due to low salaries and low administrative rates (resulting from contracts that do not adequately cover the costs of services) and late payments from funding sources at the local and state level.

The Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act can make a difference to the organizations in our coalition and the communities they serve, by

- Requiring a de minimis administrative rate of 10 percent or higher
- Eliminating reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants
- Requiring disbursement of contract funds within 30-days of signed contract
- Creating the Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund to provide grants nonprofits to help maintain and prevent employee turnover
- 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 policies, statutes and funding levels that lead to sustainable government/nonprofit partnerships)

Safe Kids Coalition appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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