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community development

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

Dear Committee Members:

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

On behalf of ROSE Community Development, we urge 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.

ROSE is a nonprofit community development organization that builds and operates affordable housing in outer Southeast Portland. We own and operate over 500 units of housing in the neighborhoods we serve, as well as running programs like our Baby Booster Initiative and Lents Youth Initiative.

As a nonprofit with a small staff, employee turnover can be particularly challenging and disruptive, not to mention costly. Additionally, grants that use a reimbursement mechanism put a heavy burden on nonprofits like ours, requiring us to front significant expenses while waiting for reimbursement.

There are many beneficial provisions of this bill. Of these, the establishment of a Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund and the elimination of the reimbursement mechanism for grants could help nonprofits like ours with the above concerns.

ROSE Community Development 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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