

Submitter: Greg Dirks  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB600

Chair Dembrow and members of the Senate Education Committee. My name is Greg Dirks and I am the City Manager for the City of Wood Village. The City has been involved with our local mediation center for decades, and I have been personally involved with it for nearly 15 years. In that time, I have seen the services expand to meet the needs of our diverse and changing communities because of funding opportunities like SB 600. Whether it's neighbor to neighbor, landlord/tenant, parent/child, or conducting community trainings on how to better handle conflict and active listening, one thing I know for sure is that adequate funding helps everyone. I am writing in support of SB 600 which will better serve dispute resolution centers around the state and in turn help create, foster, and sustain better communities and an Oregon we can all be proud of. Thank you again for your consideration.