

Testimony of Frank Boothby, Program Manager at Project Youth+

In Support of HB 4041

House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business

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Chair Bynum and the Honorable Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business. Thank you for allowing me to submit today this testimony in support of House Bill 4041.

As a longtime leader in the non-profit world and a program manager for nearly 10 years, I believe economic justice and equity is essential for the future prosperity of our state. Additionally, assisting low-income and underrepresented Oregonians achieve their financial goals, gain a tangible asset, or obtain meaningful education or training is key to the success of our great state.

The Economic Equity Investment Program (EEIP), created in 2022, directed Business Oregon to provide one-time funding to community-based organizations with solutions that build generational wealth for communities across Oregon. The results are now in and the EEIP has become a proven model to advance equitable economic development in every corner of our state.

That is why it is so important to me and my youth-based non-profit Project Youth+ that you support House Bill 4041.

Thank you,

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