

# OREGON REGIONAL CAREER CENTERS

**HB-3552**

Accelerating Workforce Development, Expanding Student Access to Economic Opportunity

## Oregon Needs Skilled Workers

Oregon is facing a growing shortage of skilled workers. The health care sector alone requires 27,000 additional skilled workers to meet current demand, and by 2029, the state is projected to have 52,000 new job openings annually in careers requiring technical skills. To stay competitive, Oregon must expand its skilled workforce.

Despite progress with Measure 98, Oregon remains one of the few states without dedicated Career and Technical Education (CTE) funding for all schools. Investing in CTE is essential to address the state's workforce needs and ensure Oregon remains competitive with its neighbors.

## Regional Career Centers are the Solution

To address Oregon's workforce challenges and expand access to Career and Technical Education (CTE), the legislature must authorize and fund the creation of Regional Career Centers (RCCs). These centers will provide customized, regional solutions for CTE and workforce training, ensuring students in underserved areas have access to world-class opportunities.

Oregon's 19 Education Service Districts (ESDs) will each serve as an RCC for their partnering school districts, with the option to form consortia to operate a single RCC across larger geographic areas. RCCs will equitably expand CTE access statewide, helping Oregon meet its workforce needs and remain competitive.

## Project Cost: \$156,400,000



Cost per student



Job growth in Oregon



Mobile labs serve rural students