



**Better
Public
Education**

Vote YES on HB 3552

Better Public Education (BPE) is a nonprofit association that advocates for Oregon's K-12 students and a public education system that serves their needs. To that end, we strongly support **House Bill 3552**, which will dramatically improve and expand career technical education and opportunities in Oregon for K-12 students.

With the creation of Regional Career Centers, HB 3552 will make it easier for students to obtain a career technical education. The verdict is in and has been for decades: career technical education has been enormously beneficial for K-12 students:

- CTE students graduate high school at a higher rate. In fact, students taking a CTE course are 21 percent more likely to graduate high school than students who don't participate in CTE.
- CTE students have more career opportunities after graduating high school.

Career technical education introduces students to important, purposeful career fields and helps to end the "college or bust" culture that has caused enormous damage across the country. High school students need to know that good paying jobs and bright futures are available on a career technical pathway.

Better Public Education supports House Bill 3552 and urges the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development to vote for this important legislation.