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RE: Public Testimony, Support for HB 3552

Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Fragala and Harbick, and members of the committee,

I am pleased to support HB 3552 sponsored by Representative McIntire. HB 3552 provides a long-overdue targeted investment in Career Technical Education in the State of Oregon. Oregon is one of 4 states that does not directly fund CTE. As many of you are aware, CTE continually shows a direct correlation to higher graduation rates and increased attendance for high school students who are "concentrators" in a CTE program of study. In addition, CTE provides a pathway and solution for key workforce needs within the state.

HB 3552, as outlined in Willamette ESD's Regional Career Centers document, provides support for a regional CTE network or backbone, regional CTE Centers, remodeling of current facilities, and support for smaller rural regions to develop CTE programs. For our region of the state, the CTE regional backbone structure is of vital importance. Currently, we receive \$371,000 annually from Federal Perkins grants and hire 1.8 FTE with that funding. This position covers 6 counties, 25 high schools, and 42 programs of study. We have incurred reductions of \$50,000 last year, \$15,000 this year, and are slated for an \$85,000 reduction next year. This decrease will result in a reduction of 0.8 FTE for our region. Simultaneously, the workload for Regional Coordinators has nearly doubled with the additions of Integrated Guidance, Pathways, CTE Revitalization, and Measure 98.

Having a stable backbone structure, independent of Federal funding, will provide the necessary capacity to ensure career connected learning is occurring efficiently K-14. Regional backbones will integrate K-12, higher education, workforce partners, and ensure programs are high quality, aligned, industry supported, and data driven.

Respectively Submitted,

Mark Redmond, Superintendent Malheur ESD.

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| COMSORTIA | 25 Preliminary Awai TOTAL Bosic Allocation | TOTAL Formula Reserve | SMALL RURAL REMOTE SUPPLEMENT* | RESERVE, PLUS SMALL, RURAL, REMOTE |
| COPA (Central Oregon Perkins Alliance) | \$871,783 | \$157,523 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$172,523 |
| CTEC (Clackamas Technical Education Consortium) | \$883,398 | \$159,043 | s - | \$159,043 |
| Douglas CTE Consortium | \$134,473 | \$93,736 | \$ 79,000.00 | \$163,736 |
| Eastern Oregon CTE Consortium | \$201,258 | \$85,420 | \$ 25,000.00 | \$170,420 |
| InterMountain CFE Consortium | \$294,127 | \$81,676 | \$ 55,000,00 | \$136,676 |
| Eane CTE | \$544,728 | \$182,220 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$212,220 |
| Linn-Benton CIE Consortium | \$680,020 | \$112,837 | s / - | \$112,837 |
| Mat Hood CIE Consertium | \$682,868 | \$151,459 | s - | \$151,459 |
| MWEC (Mid-Williamette Education Consortium) | \$1,444,501 | \$254,336 | s - | \$254,336 |
| NCEC/Clatsop CC | \$154,436 | \$30,847 | \$ 55,000.00 | \$85,847 |
| Portland Area CIE Consortium | \$295,906 | \$568,987 | \$ 30,000,000 | \$598,987 |
| SOCTEC (Southern Oregon CTE Consortium) | \$727,783 | \$245,798 | \$ 15,000.00 | \$260,798 |
| South Coast CTE Consortium | \$338,586 | \$69,656 | \$ - | \$69,656 |
| Tillamonk Education Consortium | \$88,249 | \$28,938 | \$ \ •0,000.00 | \$68,938 |
| DIRECT | | | | |
| Besserton School District 421 | \$372,914 | | | 000 |
| Central Point School District 6 | \$53,928 | | \$ 85,000 pu year | |
| David Desglas School District 49 | \$152,673 | | pe | 1920 |
| Gresham Barkow School District 11 | \$129,850 | | | |
| Hermiston School District 8 | \$64,953 | | 2024-2025 Perkins Awards: 20% of | |
| Sillisboro School District 13 | \$199,971 | | allocated funds will be available in | |
| Mediard School District 549 | \$179,200 | | July 2024. The remainer of funds will be released in October 2024. | |
| Portfand School District 13 | \$470,328 | | *Currently, there is no funding to | |
| Douglas County SD 4 | \$87,993 | | continue the small/rural supplement | |
| ialem-Keizer School District 248 | \$543,273 | | beyond | 24-25. |
| ane Community College | \$846,587 | 9 | | |
| Portland Community College | \$1,997,336 | | Problem | |
| largue Community College | \$502,838 | | | Troble. |
| va: | \$153,187 | | | |
| Impess Community College | \$256,951 | | | |

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