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Dear Ways and Means Committee:

My name is Nathan Beard, and I own and operate a Job Development company, Nathan Beard Job Development, and have worked closely with the staff and clients of the Oregon Preferred Worker Program (PWP) for several years. Please accept this letter as my support for Senate Bill 5511 and the funding and services provided for Oregon's Workers Compensation Division- Oregon Preferred Worker Program.

I have been fortunate to receive client referrals from several Re-employment Specialists from the Preferred Worker Program and I have seen firsthand how effective the funding of job search assistance, workplace supplies, workplace accommodations, and workers compensation insurance benefits have helped many Preferred Worker Program participants get back to work and how Oregon employers have reaped the financial benefits while gaining capable long-term employees as part of the process.

The WCD Preferred Worker Program staff consistently engage with potential clients and current program participants in person one on one, by telephone and email, and at well planned community engagement events throughout the state. Please support SB 5511 so the WCD Preferred Worker Program staff may continue their consistently strong and effective efforts in assisting many Oregon citizens in getting back to work while also helping Oregon businesses obtain long-term capable employees while utilizing the financial benefits available to participants of the Preferred Worker Program.

Sincerely,

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