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House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Fragala & Harbick, and Committee Members,

I am providing this testimony in **support** of HB3669.

Northwest Family Services (NWFS) has been a provider for Clackamas Workforce Partnership (CWP), our Local Workforce Development Board. With funds like those from HB3669 we have job readiness and training, support for hard to employee participants, connection to job training to gain higher paying jobs, and outreach and education on services available in Clackamas County.

One example of the value of these services is that our participants who had experienced prolonged unemployment or under-employment, 78% were able to gain better paying, livable wage jobs. Employment is critical for those people able to work. Without this type of support, people must rely on the social systems, if they qualify, such as TANF and SSI. Without support, such people can end up experiencing homelessness and turn to criminality just to survive.

I urge your support for HB3669. NWFS is committed to supporting child wellbeing, family stability, and victims of crime through the social determinants of health.

My earnest hope is that this committee will commit to continued investment in workforces services for the people of our community.

Sincerely,

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