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**Education That Works**

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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.

Clackamas Community College has been a recipient of Prosperity 10,000 (P10K) through Clackamas Workforce Partnership (CWP), our Local Workforce Development Board. As part of this initiative, Clackamas Community College's Workforce Development Services (CCC-WDS) continued to provide essential career coaching, training, and employment support to more jobseekers facing systemic barriers to economic mobility and workforce participation by equipping them with the skills needed to obtain and advance in family-wage careers.

By leveraging Prosperity 10,000's funding, CCC-WDS will ensure participants receive:

- Career coaching, occupational training, and job placement services.
- Wraparound support including transportation, childcare, and rental assistance to remove barriers to workforce reentry.
- Paid work experiences and training opportunities (e.g., stipends, wages, and income support) for priority populations.
- Community-driven outreach and engagement strategies to connect with those who need these services most.
- Employment retention and advancement support, particularly for individuals facing systemic challenges.

Through this initiative, Future Ready Oregon's Prosperity 10,000 Program provides life-changing opportunities for Clackamas County residents, ensuring they gain access to stable, high-quality employment.

## **Success Story**

### **Truck Driver:**

Participant was referred to us by our partners at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO). A workforce advisor work with IRCO to coordinate services for this co-enrollment. Participant and his wife recently came to the United States in September of 2022 from the Ukraine. He was underemployed working part time driving a box truck earning \$2,200, which was not sufficient to support himself and his family.

This grant, P10K, was able to support participant with \$3,500 towards his training costs to become a Certified Commercial Driver. This is a high-demand and high-wage occupation and participant already had a job lined up after completing his training and earning his Commercial Drivers License. Since English is not his native language, he found a truck driving school that supported his language needs. He started his training on January 24, 2024 and completed it successfully on March 18, 2024 and received his CDL shortly after.

In June of 2024, the jobseeker reported having earned \$1,500 for his first 40-hour work week, which is \$37.50 per hour. This grant provided him with partial funding towards his short training which enabled him to go from earning \$2,200 to \$6,000 per month. His future in the United States is looking a lot brighter.

I strongly support HB3669.

Sincerely,

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