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Prosperity Programs Testimony

To: Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Fragala & Harbick and Reps McDonald, Munoz, Wright and Yunker

March 6, 2025

Dear Chair Hudson and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development,

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3669, the Prosperity Programs bill, which builds on the proven success of Prosperity 10,000 (P10K) and ensures Oregonians have the workforce development resources they need to succeed in a rapidly evolving labor market.

The 2023 Future Ready Oregon legislation laid the groundwork for innovative workforce programs that have transformed lives across the state. HB 3669 continues this progress by expanding access to career coaching, scholarships, paid internships, and job training, ensuring that Oregonians—especially those facing systemic barriers—can access the opportunities they need to thrive.

Our Just Future has had the opportunity to partner with Worksystems as a recipient of P10K funding. This vital support has enabled Our Just Future to provide essential employment training and career development services to participants across Multnomah County.

Through this funding, we have delivered comprehensive career coaching to hundreds of individuals, equipping them with the skills and resources necessary to achieve meaningful employment. The outcomes outlined below reflect the significant impact of this investment, highlighting the critical role workforce development programs play in fostering economic stability and opportunity within our community.

We appreciate your continued support and advocacy for programs like P10K, which are instrumental in helping individuals build pathways out of poverty. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further and share more about the success stories made possible through this initiative.

With funding for Future Ready's P10K set to expire this year, we must act now to reinvest in these efficient and effective programs. The data speaks for itself: In Multnomah and Washington counties alone (through January 2025), over 2,200 participants have enrolled, achieving an impressive 94% completion rate, with 78% of previously unemployed participants now employed and earning an average wage of \$23.60 per hour. Statewide, more than 8,600 Oregonians—particularly low-income individuals, veterans, women, BIPOC, and LGBTQ+ residents—have benefited from P10K.

While \$50 million is a significant investment, the long-term benefits far outweigh the cost. For every \$1 invested, Oregon will get \$2.98 back through new tax revenue and reduced dependency on social service programs. Additionally,

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federal workforce funding is projected to decline by 10% this year, putting additional strain on an already challenged system. With layoffs affecting industries from government to advanced manufacturing, it is more critical than ever to ensure Oregon's public workforce system is well-resourced to support displaced workers and help them transition into new careers.

Lina is an example of the impact these funds have had on members of our community. Lina, a single mother of two, struggled with unemployment for eight months, facing mounting bills and the fear of losing her home. Seeking help, she turned to Our Just Future, where she received rental assistance and enrolled in the in our job training program, gaining crucial skills and employer connections. With renewed confidence, she excelled in workshops, applied for jobs, and secured a temporary position as a caseworker which then would lead to a permanent position at Clackamas County Child Protective Services at \$27 per hour. Lina's journey highlights the resilience of the human spirit and the transformative power of community support in creating a better future.

I urge you to support HB 3669. This bill is more than just a workforce initiative—it is a strategic economic driver that strengthens Oregon's communities and industries alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Andy Miller
Executive Director