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On Behalf Of: Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Transportation and Economic Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5024

My name is Joshua Jacobs and I am the business development manager at MESO. MESO uses Business Oregon funds to provide technical assistance to hundreds of small business owners across the state. Without these funds, clients would be forced to navigate resources without assistance, and would struggle in the early stages of starting their business. The funds from HB 5024 are imperative to the local business ecosystem- to ensure that business owners are able to manage their finances, find their target market, and gain access to capital. Oregon is a thriving small business community, and Business Oregon is a crucial part of that community. I implore the Subcommittee to approve the use of these funds for business development. Thank you for your time.