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Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB3826

The Umpqua Economic Development Partnership supports HB 3826. The massive shortfall in truck drivers threatens to cripple our economy. Funding through this bill will support the proven programs that train new drivers in a short period of time, keeping our supply chains viable while also providing critically important family wage jobs for rural communities like those in Douglas County. As a partner with SOWIB, and representing members including Umpqua Community College, the Cow Creek Umpqua Tribe, A&M Transport and many manufacturing employers, UEDP asks that HB 3826 be approved with enthusiastic support from lawmakers who are committed to supporting effective programs that have a direct and significant impact on our economy.

Thank you,

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