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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee  
On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5515

Greetings:

The investment Oregon makes in FFA and in Career & Technical Education (CTE) has made large impacts on the classroom and the CTSO, FFA, in Astoria Oregon. I am asking you to fully fund these Grants-In-Aid at their Current Service Level instead of the 11% reduction they are slated for as proposed by the honorable Governor Kotek:

- Oregon FFA Support
- Summer Ag Ed Days Grant Support
- Secondary CTE Career Pathways Grants
- CTE Revitalization Grants
- CTSO Student Leadership Center Grant

First of all, the support for Oregon FFA has broken barriers, and has allowed proved equitable opportunities with membership by allowing all students, regardless of socioeconomic backgrounds, to obtain membership. In just 7 years, Astoria FFA went from 25 members to to 425. Astoria has also benefited from secondary career pathway funding. Thankfully, this grant allows for flexibility then programs like PERKINS. This has allowed us to update classroom materials and supplies and allowed for students to expand our work-based learning opportunities. Additionally, I know teachers who have benefited from other grants as well.

Please oppose the current proposal and fund these grants to current levels.

Thank You for your time

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