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

Dear Members of the Committee,

As the Executive Director of Oregon HOSA—Future Health Professionals, I am writing to express deep concern over the proposed 11% budget cut to the Oregon Career and Technical Education Student Leadership Foundation (OCTESLF) in HB 5515. These cuts threaten the future of career and technical student organizations (CTSOs) like HOSA, which play a critical role in preparing Oregon's students for high-demand careers in healthcare and beyond.

Oregon's investment in CTSOs directly supports student leadership development, hands-on learning experiences, and workforce readiness. Cutting funding would reduce access to these programs, particularly for students from underserved communities who rely on CTSOs for career exploration, mentorship, and industry connections. At a time when Oregon is facing workforce shortages in healthcare and technical fields, we should be strengthening, not weakening, these opportunities for students.

I urge you to restore full funding to OCTESLF in HB 5515 to ensure that students across the state continue to benefit from career and technical education programs that drive economic growth and workforce development. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Daphne Dale  
Executive Director, Oregon HOSA