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On Behalf Of: Parrott Creek Child and Family Services
Committee: House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3669

House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

Dear Chair Hudson, Vice-Chairs Fragala & Harbick, and Committee Members,

Parrott Creek strongly supports Prosperity 10,000 (P10K). Local workforce boards, like Clackamas Workforce Partnership, utilize these resources to provide outreach to youth in our rural communities and support justice-involved individuals. Participants receive career training, paid work experience, support to enter higher education, and the removal of employment barriers.

I ask that the committee continue to support our vulnerable and underserved neighbors throughout the state through P10K programs because we work with these youth every day and we know that many, many of them can and should benefit from these services. The return on investment in these programs is good for all Oregonians. These programs prepare, employ, and advance thousands of displaced Oregonians into family-wage careers within manufacturing, health care, and construction. This initiative integrates education, career counseling, and wraparound supports, benefiting underserved populations across Oregon

The programs provided through this funding connect businesses to more qualified workers and when those participants become employed, it provides a boost to our economy. When people have jobs, they spend money, pay taxes, and contribute to our communities. As the Federal government sends our entire economy into a tailspin, we will need these types of employment programs even more.

Thank you for your time and commitment to developing a stronger workforce.

Sincerely,
Simon Fulford
Executive Director, Parrott Creek Child & Family Services