

Dear Senator Gorsek and Representative Tran:

RE: Senate Bill 602 - Task Force on Modernizing Nonprofit Grant Funding and Contracting Recommendations

Historic Parkrose NPI joins with Oregon's nonprofits to ask you to support the recommendations of the state Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting by passing Senate Bill 602. The recommendations are designed to improve the process and outcomes of government grants and contracts by empowering nonprofits to deliver critical services efficiently and cost-effectively to Oregonians.

The Historic Parkrose Association is a community-based organization dedicated to revitalizing the Parkrose neighborhood in Northeast Portland. Our mission is to support local businesses, enhance public spaces, and foster a vibrant, inclusive community through economic development initiatives and community engagement.

Our organization has experienced challenges with government grants and contracts, including delayed payments and complex application procedures, which have hindered our ability to implement programs effectively and maintain consistent community services.

Senate Bill 602, if enacted, would improve and streamline how government grants and contracts are structured and administered. The Bill would make important changes such as:

- Establishing a centralized database for grant management: This would simplify the application and reporting processes, reducing administrative burdens on nonprofits.
- Implementing payment models that prioritize full cost recovery: Ensuring that grants and contracts cover the true costs of services, allowing nonprofits to offer competitive wages and sustain operations.
- Standardizing contracting language with flexibility for multiyear terms: Providing stability and allowing for long-term planning and program development.

To review all of the task force's findings and recommendations, we encourage you to read the full report available on the Oregon Department of Administrative Services website.

We hope that we can count on your leadership in guiding the passage of Senate Bill 602. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Hector  
Executive Director  
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