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

Six Rivers Dispute Resolution Center (DRC) 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.

Six Rivers DRC is a community-based organization that helps resolve conflicts and prevent community violence. Our mission is to empower and train people and organizations to resolve conflict through mediation, facilitation, restorative justice and other collaborative means of communication.

Our organization has experienced delays in funding, inability to utilize an indirect rate, inefficiencies with each grant's unique processes and redundancy of organizational information that already exists in other state systems, as well as higher insurance requirements that aren't adequately covered by indirect rates and limitations to cover COLA increases.

Senate Bill 602, if enacted, improves and streamlines how government grants and contracts are structured and administered. The Bill would make important changes that address the matters above.

To review all of the task force's findings and recommendations, we encourage you to read the full [report](#).

We hope that we can count on your leadership in guiding the passage of Senate Bill 602. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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