



To: The Honorable David Brock Smith, Suzanne Weber, Sara Gelser Blouin, James Manning, Floyd Prozanski, Dick Anderson, Noah Robinson, Jeff Golden, Mark Meek, Rob Wagner, Kate Lieber, Deb Patterson  
From: Marisa Fink, Ed. D., Executive Director, Oregon Alliance of YMCAs  
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Subject: **Senate Bill 602**

Dear Senators,

My name is Marisa Fink, and I am the Executive Director of the Oregon Alliance of YMCAs. I work to support the 12 YMCA associations that serve over 100 towns and communities across the state and in your Oregon Senate District.

**The Oregon Alliance of YMCAs 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.

Our organization has been the recipient of state Future Ready Grants, and I have experienced firsthand the burden of reimbursement grants like this one. The quarterly reporting and EGMS claims over a two-year period creates an administrative burden and increases the likelihood of errors. We are delivering grant-funded programs at 10 YMCA locations with several hundred participants each. There is a tight turnaround for data collection for quarterly reporting. There are several months before expenditures are reimbursed for the outlay of funds for these community-serving organizations.

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

- Initiates steps to create a new set of ORS with OAR's specifically for grants. This will streamline Oregon's grants management by promulgating a uniform set of guidance for state agencies to follow and allowing for advance payments
- Encouraging state agencies to make advance payments for grant funds equivalent to one-quarter of the annual contract value at the start of each new fiscal year for both new and ongoing contracts and grants.

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- Ensuring that the cost of reporting and insurance requirements in contracts and grant agreements is covered by the indirect rate/NICRA sufficiently.

**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.

On behalf of the YMCAs who have been serving Oregon's youth and families for over 150 years, thank you for your support and consideration of our recommendations.

Respectfully,  
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Executive Director

**CC: Senate Rules Committee**