

Submitter: Lizabeth Burns  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB602  
RE: Senate Bill 602 - Task Force on Modernizing Nonprofit Grant Funding and Contracting  
Recommendations

p:ear 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. p:ear is a community-based organization that creatively mentors homeless youth. Our mission is build positive relationships with homeless youth through education, art, recreation, and job training to affirm personal worth and create more meaningful and healthier lives.

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 encouraging COLA/inflation adjustments for contracts or grants if the contract exceeds 12 months or longer; create an office of nonprofit partnership and establishes a nonprofit advisory council to oversee service improvements, implementation, and compliance; ensure 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.

Sincerely,  
Beth Burns, Executive Director, p:ear