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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2586

Honorable Education Committee members,

Thank you for your time in considering this important bill in support of young people aspiring to improve their lives and become contributing members of our state. These asylum seekers, in order to participate in this program will have already have spent at least three years in our public schools and would now allow them to continue to go on with their education in spite of the tough conditions that brought them to our state and the struggle they have gone through to fit in culturally and learn a new language. These are ambitious people who have dreams and consider themselves to be, and by all rights are, part of our state. The passage of this bill HB 2586 will acknowledge this fact and their potential contribution to our state economy and workforce. This is a no-brainer for helping our young people who live here now and pay taxes have a reasonable leg up as they further their life goals.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Sharon Hawks, Eugene