



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 3038

Chief Sponsors: Rep. Gorsek and Rep. Reardon

**House Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development
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8:00 a.m., Hearing Room D**

Good morning Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee. For the record, I'm Chris Gorsek, State Representative for House District 49, which includes the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview and Gresham.

I'm glad to be here this morning to speak in support of House Bill 3038 which would appropriate money to the Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development for work ready communities programs, employer workforce training and back to work programs.

The knowledge that we need to do more to create jobs and help people find employment will come as no surprise to anyone in this room. The programs that this bill addresses are prime examples of programs we should be supporting. They benefit people by providing training in needed areas, they benefit businesses by increasing the skilled workforce they need and they fund projects that are ready to go right now, which creates jobs right now, not months down the road.

I urge the committee to support these programs, because these projects support Oregon residents and businesses.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify today.

