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I am pleased to write in support of HB 2392 as amended.

Oregon Counties have a long history of fostering effective programs and partnerships to serve at-risk youth through county Juvenile Departments and Commissions on Children and Families. Due to a variety of factors, including an economy dependent on seasonal and low-wage jobs, my county, Lincoln, has significant challenges stemming from poverty, including one of the highest per capita rates of youth homelessness in the state. Our Commission on Children and Families partnered with the school district to develop an effective program utilizing Juvenile Crime Prevention and Runaway and Homeless Youth dollars to leverage other funding and effectively serve this population. The inclusion of diverse county representation on the Youth Development Council, and the continuation of these resources, will help to insure that this important work is not lost as the transition to the early learning HUBS moves forward.

