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Chair Beyer, Committee Members:

Hello, I'm Dawn Davis, interim director of Portland Community College's (PCC) Community Education Department. Within my position I oversee PCC's driver education program. I am also a member of the Driver Education Advisory Committee.

I wish to go on record in support of House Bill 2264. PCC is a public provider, offering driver education classes at 10 separate locations around the Portland Metropolitan Area, and in Newberg. Our classes are held in 6 high schools and 4 PCC centers. We are providing instruction to 742 reimbursable teen drivers in Fiscal Year 2013 (704 in FY12).

If House Bill 2264 is passed, it will play a significant role in extending the reach of driver education in Oregon. By increasing ODOT reimbursement for low income teens, PCC and other providers will be able to expand access for currently underserved populations. Allowing ODOT to incentivize classes in locations not currently served will provide opportunity where now none exists. The broadening of provider sanctions will give ODOT the power to improve underperforming programs. All three provisions will strengthen the effectiveness of driver education. The data speaks for itself; in Oregon more students taking ODOT approved driver education will mean less teen crashes.

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