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JOINT WAYS AND MEANS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Testimony in Support of HB 2013 A and Amendments – CORRECTED May 22, 2013

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Co-Chair Komp, Co-Chair Monroe and Members of the Committee:

For the record, my name is William Thomas and I live in House District 43. I am testifying on behalf of the Washington County Department of Health and Human Services and Commission on Children and Families to support both HB 2013 A and clarifying amendments to HB 2013 A.

- 1. We support provisions of HB 2013 A that limit 2013-15 funding to a maximum number of 16 Early Learning Hubs for covering the entire state.** According to data from the PSU Population Research Center, in 2012 there were an estimated 332,842 children from zero through six years of age living in Oregon. Given the geographic distribution of these children probably the largest Hub would be responsible for the 63,268 children from zero through six years of age living in Multnomah County and the smallest Hub would need to be responsible for at least 4,800 children from zero through six years of age. While we believe that the most effective strategy for developing 16 Hubs in 2013-15 would be to fund them as communities are ready, like the process for developing Coordinated Care Organizations, we recognize that there may be reasons for limiting funding to seven Hubs in year one before expanding to 16.
- 2. We believe that, during the transition to Early Learning Hubs, effective community-based services meeting Early Learning Council (ELC) goals for supporting kindergarten readiness of 0-6 children and their families must continue to be funded.** For that reason, we urge the Subcommittee to adopt an amendment to HB 2013 A in Section 24 (6), which would specifically direct the ELC to oversee and administer the delivery of early learning services encompassing Children, Youth and Families, Family Preservation and Support, Great Start and Healthy Families funds for all communities, commencing July 1, 2013 until an Early Learning Hub has been funded for that community. This amendment would prevent disruptions in, and continue funding for, the delivery of effective community-based services, including for 8,900 0-6 children in Washington County, 96% of whom have been served by blending and braiding “flexible funds” through outcome- and performance-based contracts.
- 3. We believe that, to achieve successful statewide roll out of 16 Early Learning Hubs, all communities need to have funds for Hub development and implementation.** For that reason, we urge the Subcommittee to adopt amendments to HB 2013 A in Section 19 and Section 24 (3) and (4), which would direct the ELC to fund capacity grants for development and implementation of Early Learning Hubs in 2013-14 upon submission of a letter or letters of certification that the requirements specified in Section 17 for inclusion of and coordination with county governments have been met by an entity intending to submit a Hub application, and to continue these grants until no more than seven Hubs have been selected for 2013-14; with similar capacity grants used to fund Hub development and implementation for 2014-15.

**2012 DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN IN OREGON ZERO THROUGH SIX YEARS OF AGE
(UNDER AGE SEVEN) BY COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS**

DISTRIBUTION OF CHILDREN IN OREGON ZERO THROUGH SIX YEARS OF AGE (UNDER AGE SEVEN) BY COUNTY GEOGRAPHIC AREAS (areas rank ordered by population 0 through 6 years of age)	2012 Population Estimates by PSU for 0 through 6 years of age: 4/19/13 Data*
1. Multnomah	63,268
2. Washington	53,969
3. Marion	33,106
4. Clackamas	30,993
5. Lane	25,302
6. Jackson	16,692
7. Deschutes	13,823
8. Linn	10,800
9. Yamhill	9,191
10. Umatilla	8,000
11. Douglas	7,930
12. Polk	6,994
13. Josephine	5,931
14. Klamath	5,508
15. Benton	5,254
16. Coos	4,593
17. Columbia	3,974
18. Malheur	3,170
19. Lincoln	3,116
20. Clatsop	2,911
21. Union	2,353
22. Wasco	2,302
23. Hood River	2,140
24. Jefferson	2,084
25. Tillamook	1,944
26. Crook	1,549
27. Baker	1,201
28. Curry	1,183
29. Morrow	1,117
30. Harney	567
31. Wallowa	549
32. Lake	506
33. Grant	465
34. Sherman	133
35. Gilliam	132
36. Wheeler	92
TOTAL	332,842
At-Risk Children 0 Through 6 Years of Age @ 40% of Total	133,137

* Calculated by adding together 0-4 and 2/5 of 5-9 population estimates

2012-13 ALLOCATIONS OF ELC/YDC FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES SUPPORTED BY THE WCCCF

FUNDING STREAM SERVICE STRATEGY	Basic Capacity (ELC)	Children Youth & Families (ELC)	Great Start (ELC)	Family Preservation & Support (ELC)	Healthy Start (ELC)	Youth Investment (YDC)	County General Fund	TOTAL	Ages served
After School Activities		\$12,906				\$118,926		\$131,832	Middle school youth in 5 school districts
Alternative Ed/ Student Retention		\$ 6,954				\$117,236		\$124,190	Middle/ High school youth in 5 school districts
Children's Intervention (Family Violence)		\$23,985				\$ 20,457	\$ 2,408	\$ 46,850	Witnesses of domestic violence 4-18 countywide
Community-Based Positive Youth Development		\$ 6,775				32,377		\$ 39,152	Underserved school age youth – Latinos/ sexual minorities - countywide
Community Mobilization	\$237,860							\$237,860	Children 0-18 countywide
Early Literacy			\$47,555					\$ 47,555	Children 0-8 countywide
Family Coaching		\$ 9,896		\$ 40,000		\$ 67,343		\$117,239	Children 3-18 countywide
Family Resource Centers		\$10,000	\$15,885	\$111,410		\$105,764	\$75,048	\$318,107	Children 0-18 countywide
First Step to Success			\$21,000					\$ 21,000	Children 5-8 TTSD/Sherwood
Healthy Start					\$945,166			\$945,166	Children 0-3 countywide
Parenting Education		\$14,478	\$10,000			\$ 16,827	\$ 5,545	\$ 46,850	Children 3-18 countywide
TOTAL	\$237,860	\$84,994	\$94,440	\$151,410	\$945,166	\$478,930	\$83,001	\$2,075,801	

Total served FY 2011-12 = 22,339 children, youth and their families: 8,897 0-6 children & 14,442 7-18+ children and youth 5/14/13