



Testimony of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in support of HB 4069 for the February 7, 2014 House Committee of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

The Bureau of Labor and Industries supports HB 4069.

The Bureau of Labor and Industries is a supporter of Career and Technical Education (CTE) and would like to take this time to thank the legislature for their past funding and continued funding of the CTE program.

CTE funding is critical to replace the shop programs that were lost in prior years and is a critical bridge for linking students and industry to create emerging jobs and communities for the 21st century.

We support legislative efforts to replenish the CTE fund each and every year because students attend school every year.

HB 4069 creates a task force to address the shortage of CTE teachers. The creation of a task force is important to facilitate communication between the education community and various industries and will provide a forum for strengthening the CTE program and working toward the goal of making CTE accessible to each Oregon student.

BOLI supports HB 4069.

Thank you.

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