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The Honorable Senator Richard Devlin, Co-Chair
The Honorable Representative Peter Buckley, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Dear Co-Chairpersons:

Nature of the Request:

The Oregon Department of Education's (ODE's) Youth Development Division (YDD) respectfully requests the Joint Committee on Ways and Means allocate a \$1,789,557 special purpose appropriation established by the 2013 Legislative Assembly in House Bill 5008 (2013) to establish the Youth Development Council's Youth and Innovation Grant Fund.

Agency Action:

YDD requests allocation of the special purpose appropriation to immediately put it to use in communities around the state for innovative projects as part of the Youth Development Council's House Bill 3231 Funding Allocation Plan. The full implementation of the plan assumes allocation of the \$1.79 million special purpose appropriation.

The annual allocation of \$1.79 million allows the Youth Development Council to offer non-recurrent community-based grants designed to support innovative and sustainable efforts to improve education and workforce success for youth who are disconnected from, or are at risk of disconnecting from, the education and labor market. The efforts funded through this appropriation must be based on effective evidence-based, research-based, and practice-based prevention and intervention approaches. These grants are not to exceed \$100,000 each, with a total of \$1.79 million available for disbursement to local programs.

The Youth and Innovation Grant is a non-recurrent competitive grant designed to support Youth Innovation in Oregon, target an Urgent and Emergent Need to address a social problem at the onset, or provide funding to take a program to scale to operational sustainability. The community must have a demonstrated need, outlining at least five Indicators of Need, and the community must be planning or implementing a Collective Impact Model. The Youth Development Council will be offering training for this model in six communities around the state, as well as through webinar trainings.

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The Youth Development Council was directed to report to the Joint Ways and Means Committee with a plan for investing and distributing these funds prior to requesting the special purpose appropriation. In January 2014, the Council presented its funding allocation plan to the Committee, which acknowledged receipt of the report and indicated more discussions about the plan would occur during the February 2014 legislative session.

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Legislation Affected:

Chapter 637, Section 1(1), Oregon Laws 2013; Chapter 637, Section 2(9), Oregon Laws 2013; and Chapter 723, Section 21(1), Oregon Laws 2013.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Youth Development Council House Bill 3231 Funding Allocation Plan