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Dear Partners,

This letter provides an update on the change being proposed by the noncredit divisions in Oregon's seventeen community colleges and expresses gratitude for your continued support for the proposed change.

In the Spring of 2014, members of the workgroup presented at several statewide committee meetings including the Oregon Association for Career Technical Education, Oregon Community College Association, Oregon Presidents Council, Council of Instructional Administrators, Oregon Association of Community & Continuing Education, and the Oregon Community College Council of Institutional Researchers. These presentations provided information on this group's efforts to propose a statute change that would put us on consistent footing with other Oregon higher education entities currently offering noncredit certification courses.

In these presentations, the workgroup noted that under current statute and rule (ORS 341.465 and OAR 589-006-0050) community colleges can only issue a "Certificate of Completion" based on credit-bearing coursework. By changing the current statute, community colleges would be able to award "Training Certificates" for a single stand-alone noncredit course or series of courses with combined instructional hours of 18-210. In order to meet the needs of local Oregon communities, the content and rigor would be determined and standardized at the institutional level.

This workgroup is encouraged that the legislative concept has become HB 2410 and is now part of the 2015 legislative session; and the group is scheduled to participate in a public hearing on February 6, 2015. The workgroup is assembling additional supporting information and recruiting students and employers who can provide testimony.


In its efforts to provide additional support during the legislative hearing, the workgroup would like to make a request of you to please sign this letter showing your support and approval for community colleges to offer noncredit training certificates.

The workgroup members, representing community college Continuing Education, Community Education, Small Business Development Centers, Workforce & Contracted Training, and the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development would like to thank you for your continued support.

Thank you,

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