

February 1, 2015

Dear House Committee Chair

We are writing in support of HB2410 – a bill authorizing Oregon Community Colleges to offer training certificates for noncredit training. Currently, the noncredit divisions in the seventeen community colleges in Oregon cannot use the word "certificate" but can only offer a "recognition award". A recognition award does not have the same meaning in our industry as the word certificate. Training certificates will serve as a way to substantiate and validate to us as the employers that the training is current and relevant for our industry, and fits the need for trained entry-level employees. A vital role of the community college is giving employees and potential employees an opportunity for career enhancement and advancement.

Training certificates is of benefit to our industry by:

- Recognized in our industry
- Training is relevant to our industry
- Flexible in design, with the ability to adjust to new technologies and techniques
- Aligned with credit curriculum and is a potential career pathway
- Industry has a voice in the design and implementation
- Short term training that would create a labor ready work force.

We support Lane Community College in the development of a Restaurant Server Certification Course. This 40 hours training will provide us a trained workforce with a strong customer service emphasis to work in our restaurants.

Thank you.



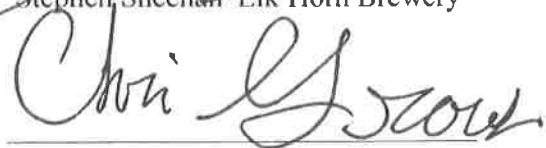
Jennifer Carter Rosales Rodeo Steak House



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