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To: Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee
From: Shawn Goddard, ASLCC
RE: HB 2015

Co- Chair Nathanson, Co-Chair Bates, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shawn Goddard and I am a student and the multicultural program coordinator at Lane Community College, and I am here with the Oregon Student Association to urge your support of HB2015.

I write you all today as a father of three children who can only begin to imagine the impact an expansion of the Employment Related Day Care program to allow students to account for coursework towards a portion of the requirements would have made when I was younger.

I have faced the challenge of being a stay at home father enrolled in community college. I found it both rewarding and enriching. Though there were many hurdles to overcome none tough as childcare. There came many times I found myself strapping my son on to my chest and heading off to class. I also found finding sustainable work almost unattainable. If it had not been for my ability to work from home. I also can never imagine having to do this as a single parent. I found that I were very fortunate to have a working spouse.

I now am returning to college, my children much older but still in need of mentoring and stewardship. The presence of parents can be a vital necessity. Passing HB2015 would work to further develop this foundation. Without it the risk to core family survival exist. I see mother and fathers reaching more goals with the given time allowance. The children's development also is strengthened by their on going presence. If the concern is the welfare of mothers and dependent mothers? Then the answer should be very simple, so I ask you take in to account the overwhelming appreciation one may feel from receiving 50% fulfilment towards DHS require.

ERDC would have been very helpful. Many of the present requirements for work become difficult. I had been lacking the skill sets learned while attending higher education. I do not see how I would be able to do both with the standards set forth today. I do not think it should be a choice of finding inadequate employment over attaining much needed skills required for advancement in the workplace. The moment your skill sets increase so does your ability to find better jobs. I found better jobs only after being undervalued and under payed. I think HB2015 can save future parents to know they will be supported in efforts to attain advancements in the workplace while also providing for their children.



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This is why I support HB2015, and encourage this committee to pass it.

Please remember my story when voting on this bill. Thank you for letting me speak with you today.

Sincerely,

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