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HB 2258: Allowing CTE Student Leadership Foundation to Disperse Funds  
House Education Committee  
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Good morning Chair Doherty and members of the House Education Committee. For the record, I am Emily Nazarov speaking on behalf of the Oregon Education Department. I am here today to speak in favor of HB 2258. HB 2258 permits the Oregon Career Technical Education Student Leadership Foundation to receive CTE grant funds for the purpose of distributing funds to individual student leadership organizations.

**Background:**

The Oregon Career Technical Education Student Leadership Foundation (OCTESLF) is a private, non-profit that was established to coordinate and distribute funding to the Oregon Career and Technical Student Organizations in schools such as DECA (marketing students); FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America); FFA (agriculture students); FCCLA (Family Career, and Community Leaders of America); HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America; and Skills USA (trades and technology students). A typical grant is about \$1100.

Prior to 2015, the Oregon Department of Education contracted with OCTESLF to distribute state grant funds directly to the various student organizations. This arrangement was beneficial as the OCTESLF worked more closely with the student organizations and could better target and coordinate funding and allowed ODE CTE staff to focus on CTE programs.

**Issue:**

In 2015, HB 3072 modified the statutory language such that career-technical student leadership non-profit organizations were not included in the list of entities eligible to receive funding. As a consequence, ODE staff was responsible for distributing small grants to 250 individual schools' student organization programs each year, instead of one to OCTESLF. School districts and teachers had to deal with the more time-consuming state electronic grant management system which generally deals with much larger-sized grants.

**Legislation:**

HB 2258 adds statewide nonprofit organizations to the list of entities that may receive CTE grant funds, thus providing low cost coordination of all activities in support of the local state-chartered Career Technical Student Organization (CTSO) chapters.

**Fiscal:**

There will be no direct fiscal impact of this legislation. Less staff time will be required for oversight.