



To: Senator Chuck Riley
Senator Alan DeBoer
Senator Mark Hass
Senator Floyd Prozanski
Senator Kim Thatcher

From: Rodney Barker – Dean of Business Division, MHCC
Dr. Wayne Machuca – Lead Faculty ISTM

Date: February 6, 2017

Greetings Senators,

Please accept this letter as our statement of support for Senate Bill 90 providing for the unification of IT Security and the establishment of the Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (CoE).

Mt. Hood Community College presently offers the only Associates of Applied Science degree in CyberSecurity & Networking (CS&N) in the state of Oregon. This degree program is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security and the National Security Administration with the Certificate for Academic Excellence for a 2-Year institution and is one of only 30 community colleges so designated.

MHCC faculty are working with the Oregon CIO and CISO to create opportunities for direct support towards the successful unification of IT cyber security needs outlined in SB90. There are many areas where this bill complements our own efforts at MHCC.

First, MHCC stands ready to deliver a technically trained and industry certified cyber security workforce of AAS graduates and interns who can step in to provide technical service at a variety of levels. Additionally, the Information Systems and Technology Management department (ISTM) commits to deliver relevant and practical training to future graduates, and to adapt that training as necessary to support the future needs of the Oregon CIO and CISO in this regard.

Second, the CS&N program has already created a Small Business Cyber Security Task Force working with our Small Business Development Center which is comprised of student interns responsible for generating a greater level of cyber security awareness to Oregon's small business community. This Task Force will function in much the same way as new hire and intern development will likely occur within the CoE.

Third, the CS&N program is in the process of launching a new outreach to inspire and encourage women and minorities into training for STEM careers. Working in cooperation with the Oregon CISO, SB90 will help create a pathway which will empower people now disempowered who can make a significant impact in their lives and in their communities. The passage of SB90 would have a direct impact on our efforts to develop a diverse workforce of highly trained individuals.

Mt. Hood Community College stands ready to support SB90 and the Oregon CIO's.

Very truly yours,

Rodney Barker, JD
Dean Business Division

Wayne Machuca, PhD
Cyber Security Instructor

be | your dream