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House Committee on Education
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

I am a native Oregonian and recent graduate of the University of Oregon with a Master of Nonprofit Management and Master of Public Administration. I am deeply committed to serving Oregon and participated in three years of SCYP projects. The applied work through SCYP helped me develop skills working with the public, specifically in transportation and local government. The career training and service orientation that happens through SCYP is invaluable, and all Oregon communities should be able to access this resource.

The first SCYP I participated in was with City of Redmond (SCYP Redmond 2016-17). There I applied methods of inclusive public engagement and actively outreached to the Latino community. We developed relationships with Latino stakeholders and community to better understand the context of issues that face Redmond. This participation furthered my insight about how municipalities in Oregon govern and how my expertise in one Oregon community is transferable to another. This experience created opportunities for me in Oregon that are congruent with SCYP mission. In 2017, I had the privilege to be a part of public involvement and Latino-specific engagement for the City of Canby Transit Master Plan. I was referred by my professor in SCYP Redmond to highly regarded planning firms in Oregon, Jared Walker and Associates and the Multicultural Collaborative. If it wasn't for this opportunity I would not have discovered the importance of public engagement in local governments and a new interest in transportation planning.

Since then, I have been apart of two more SCYP projects and have developed relationships among professionals in the transportation field and local government. I have been able to use my research and data analysis skills to create budget projections for the City of Portland where autonomous vehicles could potentially be apart of our day to day to conducting an organizational assessment that propelled a nonprofit in Albany to think about their future.

SCYP has been nothing but essential for my education at the University of Oregon. The value that SCYP provides to students at the UO is not only vital for students but for communities across Oregon. This is why I am in support of HB 2594.

Sincerely,

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