



Denny Doyle, Mayor

April 10, 2019

Representative Paul Holvey, Chair
House Committee on Rules
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, HR C
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2824

Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I enthusiastically support HB 2824, which creates the Oregon Youth Council to advise the Governor on a variety of issues that affect young people in our state. The City of Beaverton has a Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) made up of about 20 high school age youth. They bring an important and valuable perspective to the table that is sometimes overlooked. We have benefited in a multitude of ways from these students' perspectives in the almost twenty years we have had a youth advisory board.

Recently, the board has focused on planning a Youth Summit to take place on May 11, 2019. This event focuses on giving students the opportunity to learn about careers in local government and entrepreneurship. It is also a time for students to share their perspective with local elected officials. Additionally, the board will be crafting and posing questions of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District Board of Director candidates at an upcoming Voters' Forum.

Beyond providing a youth perspective in local government and creating youth focused events, the MYAB has also focused extensively on having an impact on youth homelessness. This focus is driven by a visioning process we conduct at the beginning of the year where the board decides what they want their focus to be. The board has raised money for local nonprofits, served meals at youth drop-in centers, and invited guests from a variety of organizations to speak on the topic of youth homelessness.

I hope my comments give you some local perspective on the benefits that could be realized by the State with the passage of HB 2824 and the creation of the Oregon Youth Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Denny Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Denny Doyle
Mayor

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