

April 1, 2021  
Senate Committee on Education  
900 Court Street NE, Room 453  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Dembrow and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of SB623 because it leverages and aligns existing resources, programs, services, and relationships to ensure people and businesses have access to the broadest array of available resources and services.

It will empower the legislature and communities as partners in implementing equitable, effective approaches to state-funded workforce development programs, emphasizing the need to inform program design and delivery at the local level and provides the structure to "meet people where they are."

SB 623 offers a comprehensive, holistic approach that brings multiple systems and partners together and promotes collective action as well as provides a mechanism to identify and scale best practices, understand system shortcomings, and fill service and resource gaps.

Please pass this legislation as soon as possible, so we can provide help and resources to individuals in my community.

Sincerely,

Margaret Theisen

Lane Workforce Partnership Board Member