

Our Mission:

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Dear Senate Education Committee:

My name is Andrew McGough, Executive Director of Worksystems Inc. Our mission is to coordinate a regional workforce system that supports individual prosperity and business competitiveness. We ensure that the public workforce system serves business by developing qualified employees and giving current and future workers the skills and support they need to successfully engage, advance, and succeed in the labor market.

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 623, the COVID Recovery and Workforce Modernization Act of 2021. SB 623 creates a framework to ensure our public workforce system is responsive to the needs of individuals and communities most impacted by COVID-19, supports local engagement and priorities, and sets the stage for continuous improvement of public workforce investments and programs.

The actions required by SB 623 will allow us to rapidly respond to the current needs of our job seekers, workers and businesses, and promote ongoing improvement of our public workforce system. Specifically, SB 623 aligns State and local goals and objectives, increases transparency and accountability of public workforce investments, improves community engagement and responsiveness to local needs, and supports positive systemic change.

I urge your support for SB 623.

Best Regards,

Andrew McGough