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Extraordinary Education through the FNRL pathways.

Dear members of the HB 2414 committee:

I have been teaching high school science in Oregon students for 17 years. The last several years I have been bringing students to Future Natural Resource Leaders (FNRL) events and attending professional development opportunities for FNRL advisors. The value of FNRL for students and teachers can not be unstated. It is preparing students for a healthy and productive life in Oregon. It is giving students relevant and real experiences that make them inspired personally and inspire them to learn more. It has the highest teacher collaboration rates in the State, which data indicates is one the the highest indicators of student success. It is called collective teacher efficacy.

A FNRL program of study offers students educational experience with the highest engagement, highest graduation rates and highest personal satisfaction as a student. Students compete and experience weekend CDE's (career development experiences, in these competitions students need to learn the classroom curriculum in order to be successful. These student competitions present students with real life problems, hands on applications, while giving them desirable, essential workplace skills. FNRL makes learning tangible and does wonders to promote higher learning, and ultimately skilled workers, ready to lead in the Natural Resource Industry. FNRL gives students opportunities to work and be leaders within the awe inspiring lands they call home. Help make FNRL a program to keep and promote.

Sincerely,

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