

I oppose the bill that would eliminate funding for the Talk About Trees program in Education. As a school and grade level team, we look forward to the presentations each year that are offered by Paula in the Talk About Trees program. She travels to our town in Southern Oregon and presents valuable information to our students. We study trees, life cycles, and plants each year in accordance with State Standards in Oregon. She provides extremely beneficial information that directly ties into what the students have studied in class. The "field trip" provided to us by Talk About Trees is a very high quality presentation with excellent visuals that helps students understand as they take part in the demonstration.

Our school district is in a very high poverty area. We look forward to these "field trips" at our school, as they are of no cost to us and tie directly into our State Standards. Our students do not have as many opportunities as other students in our state. Paula uses props and each student gets to participate. Please do not drop this program!