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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB3

Dear Oregon State Legislators,

I am the Executive Director of Financial Beginnings Oregon, a 501c3 nonprofit devoted to providing free financial education programs to Oregonians of all ages statewide. The number one thing I hear when I tell Oregonians about our mission is: "Where were you when I was in high school??! I would be so much better off today if I had received financial education and other life skills while I was in school." I hear this almost every day, while interacting with Oregonians from all demographics, all walks of life, of all ages.

Senate Bill 3 is our opportunity to provide critical real-life skills to all of our young people. This will give them the foundation they need to become successful adults, ready to tackle all of life's challenges, including getting a job and managing their money. With such solid preparation for the "real world", I can only imagine the strong, vibrant, financially resilient community members they will become. I strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 3.

With optimism,  
Kate Benedict