



## OREGON WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP

KIM PARKER-LLERENAS  
*OWP Chair*  
Willamette Workforce Partnership

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March 2, 2023

RE: HB 2204

ERIN CARPENTER  
Eastern Oregon Workforce Board

Chair Lively, Vice-Chair McIntire, Ruiz, and Members of the  
Committee ,

BRIDGET DAZEY  
Clackamas Workforce Partnership

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support or  
opposition of HB 2204.

HEATHER DESART  
*OWP Vice-Chair*  
Northwest Oregon Works

The Oregon Workforce Partnership (OWP) is a nonprofit workforce  
policy, funding, and coordinating organization comprised of over  
200 community leaders representing business, labor, community-  
based, education, public sector, and elected officials from Oregon's  
nine Local Workforce Development areas. Oregon has an integrated  
one-stop service delivery model to provide a flexible, unified  
workforce development system branded as WorkSource Oregon  
(WSO). OWP members coordinate, oversee, and invest in the local  
WSO centers to ensure all Oregonians have access to the skills,  
training and support necessary to obtain family sustaining careers  
and support the talent needs of local industry.

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HB 2091 (2021) funded the Oregon Youth Employment Program  
(OYEP), which provides meaningful paid work experiences – such  
as internships, apprenticeships, summer jobs, first jobs, and  
workforce preparation to young Oregonians between the ages of 14  
and 24. It is crucial that youth have these opportunities to gain the  
soft skills/essential employability skills that will allow them to thrive  
in the workforce. HB 2204 builds on the work of HB 2091 (2021)  
by incentivizing employers to open their doors to youth interested in  
these work experiences. Continued participation from employers is  
critical for OYEP to be successful. We believe HB 2004 will both  
encourage new employers and keep existing employers participating  
in the program and hosting youth employment experiences.

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Please contact our trusted representatives Iris Maria-Chavez and/or  
Doug Riggs on any questions you may have.

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*We are happy to answer any questions you may have or come before your committee to present additional information and share our collective vision to make Oregon a more prosperous place for all.*

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Sincerely,

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