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Senate Human Services Committee  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members:

RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

The Rogue Valley Family YMCA asks you to pass SB 606, the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act. Your support is critical to the health of the nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

The mission of the YMCA is to provide programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. We are a charitable, community-based non-profit service organization dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. YMCA programs seek to prevent negative behaviors, promote positive experiences, and provide healthy choices by focusing on the values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. We conduct programs in the 12 Southern Oregon communities of Talent, Phoenix, Jacksonville, Ruch, Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill, Sams Valley, White City, Eagle Point, Shady Cove, and Trail. Our primary activities involving over 20,000 people per year are: child care, preschool, afterschool, day camp, overnight camp, youth sports, swimming lessons, physical education, water fitness classes, health & wellness classes, nutrition classes, family activities, and community events.

Our contracting challenges include delayed payments, no or low administrative overhead rates, complex reporting requirements, and lengthy applications. The following components of the bill would help us meet our mission and serve our members and program participants by:

- Requiring an administrative rate of 10 percent or higher
- Eliminating reimbursement as a form of payment for state grants
- Requiring disbursement of contract funds within 30-days of signed contract
- Creating the Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund to provide grants for nonprofits to help maintain and prevent employee turnover
- Creating a state task force to reform nonprofit contracting in order to streamline and simplify the process, raise wages, and create an ecosystem of administrative policies, statutes and funding levels that lead to sustainable government/nonprofit partnerships

The Rogue Valley Family YMCA appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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