

Submitter: Jeff Parker

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education

Measure: HB5014

Chairs Frederick, McLain and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of staff and alumni of Northwest Youth Corps, I am writing in support of House Bill 5014. For more nearly four decades, Northwest Youth Corps has been an education provider for youth and young adult students across our state in both formal and informal academic settings. We see the investments outlined in HB 5014 as a critical lifeline to the most vulnerable Oregonians. Our communities, our state, and our very democracy will benefit from the investment in re-engagement, early intervention, readiness, and other efforts identified in the bill.

What we have learned in our 38 years of youth development work, is that one size does not fit all and we need investments that allow experts at the local level to design solutions for our student's needs. I urge you to fully fund the request in HB 5014.

Respectfully,

Jeff Parker
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