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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce
Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3011

Dear Representative Hudson and State Legislators,
I am writing to support funding for Early Childhood Education (ECE) programs through HB 3011. In Coos, Curry, and Douglas counties, quality childcare is scarce, which limits our workforce and impacts our economic growth. ECE students often face financial challenges, but with affordable tuition and minimal student loan debt, they can complete their degrees and make a lasting impact on both children's lives and the region's economy. This funding is essential for preparing qualified educators and strengthening the economic future of our communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

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