



February 3, 2026

Subject: Support for SB 1512 – Prosperity 10,000

To Whom It May Concern:

Dear Chair Meek and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Clackamas Education Service District (CESD) to express **strong support for SB 1512 and continued investment in Prosperity 10,000 and Oregon's public workforce system.**

CESD is a regional education partner committed to preparing young people for success in postsecondary education, training and family-wage careers. Through our longstanding partnership with Clackamas Workforce Partnership (CWP), we collaborate to support youth ages 14–24, particularly those facing barriers to education or employment. This partnership helps align education, workforce and community systems, reduce duplication and create clear pathways from school to meaningful careers.

Prosperity 10,000 has demonstrated that coordinated workforce investments deliver measurable returns for Oregon. Data show strong outcomes, including increased employment, higher wages and reduced reliance on public assistance. These results matter not only for individual participants, but also for the long-term economic health of our communities and the state.

Funding for Prosperity 10,000 is set to expire on June 30, 2026. **Without continued investment, Oregon risks losing the partnerships, infrastructure and regional coordination that have proven effective in connecting people to work and supporting employers' workforce needs.** SB 1512 represents an important opportunity to sustain this progress and strengthen Oregon's workforce system.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to policies that support workforce development and future prosperity for Oregonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Didway".
Larry Didway
Superintendent