

February 3, 2026

Congress for the State of Oregon
Salem, Oregon

Re: Support for SB1512

Dear Oregon Policymakers,

Oregon's workforce system is delivering measurable results for workers, families, and the state budget. As the Legislature enters session and difficult fiscal decisions are on the table, it is essential for policymakers to know the tremendous impact of proven workforce investments and the breadth of their support from entities across the state, including employers, workforce boards, community organizations, and education partners like Chemeketa Community College in the Mid-Willamette Valley.

Prosperity Programs are working, and their continued support is critical (**Prosperity Programs SB 1512**).

This investment matters now, because:

- For every \$1 invested, Oregon gets \$2.98 back
- Average participant wages are \$22.73 per hour
- 72 percent of employed participants are working full time
- Workforce investments generate new tax revenue while reducing reliance on public benefits.

Funding for Prosperity Programs expires June 30, 2026. Without action this session, Oregon risks losing a proven system that strengthens families, supports employers, and helps stabilize the state budget during economic uncertainty.

Prosperity Programs are not a cost. They are a smart investment with proven returns.

Thank you for standing up for Oregon's workforce and economic future.

Sincerely,



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