



February 3, 2026

The Honorable Members of the Oregon Senate
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1512 – Maintaining Oregon’s Prosperity Programs

Dear Members of the Oregon Senate,

On behalf of the Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County (EDALC), we are writing to express our strong support for Senate Bill 1512 (SB1512). As a regional workforce development organization serving communities across Northwest Oregon, our mission is to connect businesses and individuals with the resources they need to build stable, equitable, and resilient local economies.

SB1512 represents a crucial step forward in maintaining workforce prosperity across Oregon by sustaining and strengthening high impact workforce development programs, stabilizing funding for regional workforce boards, and supporting responsive services for both workers and employers. This legislation aligns directly with our organizational goals of ensuring that every Oregonian regardless of background, geography, or circumstance has access to meaningful employment and career advancement opportunities.

In our daily work, we see the transformative power of accessible training and targeted support services. By investing in sustained, flexible funding for regional workforce sports and career-connected learning, SB1512 would help bridge skill gaps in high-demand industries across our region, support employers seeking qualified workers, and empower individuals to achieve family-wage careers. These outcomes benefit not only participants in our programs but also the broader communities and local economies that depend on a strong and inclusive workforce.



We urge the Legislature to advance and pass SB1512. This bill reflects Oregon's ongoing commitment to innovation, equity, and workforce sustainability. EDALC is proud to stand behind this policy and is eager to help implement its vision across our region.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to Oregon's workforce and economic vitality.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul Schuytema".

Paul Schuytema, Executive Director