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March 27, 2023

Honorable Elizabeth Steiner, Co-Chair
Honorable Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE, Room H-178
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez:

As Chair of the Oregon Employment Department Advisory Council (OED Advisory Council), I am sending this letter on behalf of the OED Advisory Council in support of policy package #115 in the Governor's Request Budget for the Oregon Employment Department (department). This policy package is critical for quality service levels across the department for the 2023-25 biennium.

We support funding this policy package with a slight increase to the State Employment Department Administrative Fund (SEDAF) formula, raising the percentage of SEDAF from .09% to .109%. This proposed SEDAF increase is not projected to impact unemployment insurance tax schedules in the foreseeable future, and it will permit the department to combat fraud and otherwise protect the integrity of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund.

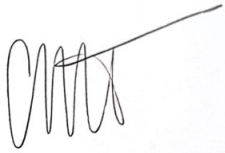
In a perfect world, the federal government would provide adequate administrative funding to states, however, federal administrative funding falls far short (see attachment) of providing the funding necessary for the department to provide the public with the service levels they expect and deserve. The department is currently working with the Oregon congressional delegation to pursue a funding formula that works better for Oregon as well as all other states and jurisdictions.

The OED Advisory Council is comprised of employer, employee, and public members with the purpose of providing feedback and guidance to the agency director with respect to the unemployment insurance and employment service programs.

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In closing, we urge your support of policy package #115 for the benefit of Oregon's workers and employers.

On behalf of the OED Advisory Council,



Catie Theisen, Chair
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ATTACHMENT A

2023-25 Budget Drivers: Federal/UI Administrative Funds

