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A Message from Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Director, Keith Ozols:

Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation is pleased to present a draft of the VR Portion of the 2020 Oregon Combined State Plan for your review. The State Plan outlines our priorities for 2020 and how our resources are deployed to help people living with disabilities achieve and maintain employment and independence.

View the draft State Plan at: <https://go.usa.gov/xdbhy>

The 2020 Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan reflects the requirements of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act of 2016 (WIOA). That change brought shifts in priorities, timelines, metrics and state planning processes for us and other members of the statewide workforce system. These shifts are reflected in our State Plan proposal.

We invite you to read the document carefully and share your thoughts. You can provide feedback on the 2020 Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan by submitting written comments. Comments must be shared with Vocational Rehabilitation by 5 p.m. on 2/28/2020.

- E-mail your comments to VR.Policy@dhsosha.state.or.us. Please put “State Plan Feedback” in the subject line.
- Send comments by U.S. Mail to: Department of Human Services; Vocational Rehabilitation Program, 500 Summer St. NE, E-87; Salem, OR 97301.

Accommodation: Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication should make a request at least 48 hours or as soon as possible before the end of comment on 2/28/2020 to allow time for us to assist. Contact Robin Brandt at (503-945-5857) or email VR.Policy@state.or.us.

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The WIOA brings an expectation for a higher level of collaboration among members of state workforce systems, including Vocational Rehabilitation. WIOA requires states to create State Plans that include many partners in the Statewide Workforce System. Vocational Rehabilitation State Plan is part of Oregon's Combined State Plan.

View Oregon's Combined State Plan at: <https://go.usa.gov/xdbh7>

Our growing connectivity to other members of Oregon's workforce system as the WIOA is implemented benefits people receiving Vocational Rehabilitation services. While our focus remains solidly on helping people with disabilities find employment that fits with their interest and abilities so they can be fully contributing members of their communities, the strengthening of partnerships signals recognition of our important role in the workforce system and leads to better access and opportunities to leverage resources than ever before.

Thanks for all you do to support people with disabilities having meaningful employment in their communities. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the 2020 Vocational Rehabilitation Portion of the Oregon Combined State Plan.