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Joint Committee on Student Success

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RE: Support of HB 2444 – Oregon FFA Association

The Prineville City Council is writing to you in support of HB 2444. We have witnessed first hand the accomplishments and valuable life long skills developed by the students in this program. We believe in programs that invest in the future of our communities and programs that value and uphold agriculture education and industry. The Oregon FFA Association does just that by using the Agriculture Education model, that is a tested and true program that grows innovative leaders. These emergent leaders tackle solutions for food; fiber and fuel industries that revolve around agriculture; connect real-world applications to the class room; participate in leadership training opportunities; and entrepreneurship projects that contributes to the state economy, currently documented at over \$13.8 million.

We strongly encourage you to consider passing this bill that will increase student achievement, remove barriers for participation, improve graduation rates, and provide college preparation to career placement for students enrolled in secondary agriculture education course. The Oregon FFA Association provides these opportunities and passing this bill would enable them to expand on these programs and training.

Respectfully,

Stephen P. Uffelman
City of Prineville Mayor

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