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Chairs, Joint Ways and Means

Re: Support of HB 4084 on Community College Daycare scheduled
for hearing and work session

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Richard Devlin and Representative Peter
Buckley:

The Oregon Commission on Black Affairs (OCBA) and Commission
for Women (OCFW) strongly support HB 4084 establishing grants for
Community Colleges to provide child daycare for their students. In
the highly compressed timeline of Joint Ways and Means during short
session we appreciate your leadership in creating the time needed to
give this bill a hearing and work session.

Student parents attend Community College more than any other type
of institution, but childcare options on campus are seldom there for
students. The time pressure to take kids to an off-campus daycare or
traveling to and from there to nurse an infant is too much for many
who deeply desire the opportunity to advance their educations. The
OCBA and OCFW historically have worked towards advocating for
educational access for communities of color, women and their
families across Oregon. Nothing would please us more than to testify
in support of this bill as part of its Joint Ways and Means hearing.

Whatever we can do in 2014 to make Community College more
accessible for parents is a year we have gained in raising the potential
income of families and single parent households. Daycare is a key
part of that picture. Let's not wait.

Sincerely,

James I. Manning, Jr.
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Chair, Oregon Commission for Women

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Pacific Islander Affairs**

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