

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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TESTIFYING ON BILL NUMBER: Sub. H.B. 166

TESTIMONY TYPE: WRITTEN

TESTIFYING AS: PROPONENT

FOR BUDGET TESTIMONY ONLY:

TESTIMONY TOPIC: HIGHER EDUCATION

TESTIFYING ON BUDGET ITEM(S): OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolv

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ARE YOU A REGISTERED LOBBYIST? NO

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Please reconsider your support for the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Di

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Ohio Means Jobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program

To Whom if May Concern:

I would like to ask the committee to reconsider their decision to eliminate the OMJ Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program. This is an essential tool utilized by Ohioans wanting to improve their lives.

We have awarded this loan to RN to Medic students, Basic & Advanced EMT students, and students enrolled in our Paramedic Program. Without this loan, these students would not have been able to secure the funds to pay for these classes, and therefore would not be able to enroll.

The overall impact of withdrawing the funds from this program, will not only affect our students, and our enrollment, but will also have a direct impact on the local communities, and eventually the entire state.

This loan program was put in place to assist Ohioans wishing to pursue a career in an indemand job. For the past several years the state has expressed how important it was to promote and encourage people to get certifications for in-demand jobs and we have been successfully doing this with the assistance of the OMJ Workforce Development Revolving Loan Program.

I sincerely hope that people take the time to educate themselves regarding this wonderful program before making any final decisions. It would be devastating to many Ohioans if this tool were no longer available.

Thank you!

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To Whom It May Concern:

The revolving loan program is an essential financial resource for many of our Public Safety students. The loan takes the financial burden off of the student while going through the courses and makes it easier to focus on their career path of education. If this loan program is eliminated many of our students will not be able to attend classes and get the credential in their career of choice. For several years we have been hearing from the State that we need to get more skilled trades/technical studies, bridge the gap, and get Ohioans advancement in their careers. Why would the State take away such a valuable tool for the students/employees and not help the Ohio workforce gain usable skilled people to make the workforce keep up with the current in demand jobs which will increase productivity and revenue. A win-win for all involved.

Thank you.

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The revolving loan program, is a vital funding stream for many students to gain there technical training and credentials for initial employment and career advancement. Taking this away is going against all that the State informs the educational institutions to be doing, and that is to decrease the skills gap, and get people back to work or to advance them in their current jobs. This revolving loan allows people to financially afford the training they need to do so. If the goal of Ohio is to get people back to work, or to get them usable skills to increase our workforce, then why would the state take away an opportunity for people to achieve such goals!

Thank you

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