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**TO:** Local Workforce Development Boards Directors

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**SUBJECT:** WIOA High Concentration of Eligible Youth Funds

This letter is to communicate the State of Oregon's intent on the use of the WIOA High Concentration of Eligible Youth (HCEY) Funds. It has been noted that there is some confusion and inconsistencies on how these funds are used. 2 CFR 682.110(b) states that these funds may be combined and used for any of the activities authorized in WIOA sec. 129(b), 134(a)(2)(B), or 134(a)(3)(A) (which are described in §§ 682.200 and 682.210), regardless of whether the funds were allotted through the youth, adult or dislocated worker funding streams. While this is accurate, the State has the purview to set stricter requirements.

**Providing services to HCEY is a required activity under WIOA. In addition, the funding amounts are based off of youth data. Therefore, the state requires that the entirety of these funds be spent on the youth workforce system.**

A policy is currently being drafted that will include additional guidance and requirements pertaining to the use of the HCEY funds.

No changes are needed at this time. The policy will be distributed for stakeholder feedback and public comment and will become effective for the PY20 program year.

Please share any questions or concerns with your local area's OWI Point of Contact.

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