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Rep. Bentz Visits With Poverty to Prosperity Committee

ONTARIO—On Wednesday, January 8th, Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) met with the Poverty to Prosperity Committee during its weekly meeting held at Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC). Present were some twenty Malheur County community leaders, including representatives of four school districts (Ontario, Vale, Nyssa, and TVCC).

Rep. Bentz reported to the Committee that its efforts were becoming better understood in Salem, and that he believed that the success of its innovative collaboration and hard work would provide a strong foundation for further state support.

“I believe that your efforts will help our schools create a more motivated, competent and enthusiastic work force. When we take a moment to think about it, there isn’t anything much more important than developing smarter kids when it comes to the future of Malheur County and Oregon,” said Rep. Bentz.

Rep. Bentz also pointed out that the Governor’s proposed goals for Oregon’s future included a new emphasis on vocational education, agricultural production, food processing “clusters,” and reducing poverty in rural areas such as Vale, Nyssa, and Ontario. “The Committee’s development and focus on helping those in poverty achieve an improved future could not have been better timed,” he said.

Rep. Bentz congratulated the Committee on its efforts and encouraged those participating to continue the hard work of developing more successful “on-the-ground” means of educating children.

Rep. Bentz noted that he plans on taking a more participatory approach to budget matters in Salem and asked that the Committee let him know what investments it thought would be necessary to assist it in achieving its goals.

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