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Chair Riley & Members of the
Senate Business & General Government Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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SDAO has approximately 950 members representing about 32 different types of districts including fire, parks and recreation, library, water, sewer, irrigation, and vector control to name a few. Our membership stretches to every corner of the state providing the citizens of Oregon with cost effective and efficient services. SDAO would like to express its support for SB 288 and would like to thank Senator Roblan for his leadership on this topic and sponsorship of this bill.

During the 2017 Legislative Session SB 317 was enacted permitting local governments to conduct public meetings within Indian country of a federally recognized Oregon Indian tribe that is within the State of Oregon. Regrettably, the bill failed to include the fourth leg of the local government stool, special districts. SB 288 seeks to correct this oversight.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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