

February 21, 2019

House Committee on Education
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301


Subject: House Bill 2594 Relating to Sustainable City Year Program at the University of Oregon

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

As the first ever Sustainable City Year Program partner, the City of Gresham has benefitted enormously from the relationship that began in the 2009-2010 school year. Based on the incredible student work that emerged from that first year, we have continued our relationship with SCYP including work on the walkability of our downtown area in 2015 and several in-progress projects addressing the potential impacts of autonomous vehicles in our City.

One of our recent projects- Autonomous Vehicle Implications, examined how the adoption of AVs as a primary source of transportation in the future, will impact our local community and provided proposals for innovative new opportunities and approaches.

The ongoing relationship we have with SCYP is a testament to how pleased we have been with the outcomes of student work. This program is an asset that should be available to all communities in the state of Oregon, and HB 2594 would ensure that access.

Sincerely,


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