



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, and Members of the Sub-Committee:

I apologize that I am not in Salem today to offer this testimony in person, but I want to encourage the Sub-Committee to consider, as part of its issuance of lottery bonds, allocating \$2.4 million to finance a variety of infrastructure improvements in the Port of Cascade Locks.

Cascade Locks is on the verge of a long overdue economic boom. It is undertaking a significant capital construction project that will accommodate business growth in the Port of Cascade Locks' Business Park. This will inject new funds into Cascade Locks' local economy and draw enough new, local job opportunities to constitute a major portion of the workforce in the city's revitalized economy. This is a much-needed improvement to a community with a significantly higher unemployment rate than its neighboring cities.

The funding would be allocated as follows: \$1 million of these requested funds would go toward a projected \$4.5 million construction project that would house a new 22,000 square foot production and warehousing facility for pFriem Family Brewers, as well as the company's new logistics hub. Another \$1 million of the requested funds would be used to assist in the construction of a new 40,000 square foot facility to accommodate the expansion of The Renewal Workshop, a clothing supplier that recycles and "upcycles" clothing and textiles that would otherwise be discarded by other retailers and manufacturers. This expansion would not only provide up to 100 new jobs in Cascade Locks, it would also amplify The Renewal Workshop's mission to combat environmental and economic waste.

The final \$400,000 of the requested funds would be used for infrastructure upgrades and expansions that the new construction projects described above would necessitate. These improvements will also allow for future growth in the Port of Cascade Locks' Business Park.

Governor Brown's Recommended Budget for the 2019-2021 biennium proposes to allot "\$2.4 million in funding for the Port of Cascades Locks" as part of the Department of Administrative Services' "Special Government Payments." (Governor's Recommended Budget, https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Documents/2019-21_gb.pdf, at p. 234). These funds, in turn, could be leveraged into as much as \$7 million in additional grants and loans to seek other growth opportunities to further bolster Cascade Locks' economy.

I respectfully request that you bond these funds that will assist the Port of Cascade Locks as it pursues these exciting economic expansions.

Sincerely,

Representative Anna Williams, House District 52

