



RE: Opposition to HB 3099

Dear Senator Riley and Committee Members,

Some of Washington County's vital public services are provided by special districts. We are reaching out to voice our strong opposition to HB 3099.

HB3099 puts ratepayers' and residents' investment at risk. Granting cities an additional avenue of withdrawal beyond the existing processes outlined in statute increases the likelihood of duplication of assets and infrastructure. Withdrawal can strand public assets or deplete the value of assets that are no longer connected to the system for which they were designed, wasting public funds. Our agencies oppose any policy that causes or permits such waste of public investment.

Existing laws within ORS 195 allow for urban service agreements between cities and special districts. Our collective agencies have achieved successful economies of scale using these agreements across Washington County, allowing shared services for efficient operation across jurisdictions. HB 3099 would put those long-standing agreements in jeopardy at the whim of a city.

Lastly, HB3099 is designed to resolve a specific, single dispute between a city and a county service district. Setting and applying public policy to the entire state over a local issue puts Oregonians at risk of wasted spending on avoidable infrastructure at a time when true needs outpace available resources.

We are opposed to the adoption of HB 3099 and the consequences it would have for the citizens of Washington County, many of whom we represent. We respectfully ask you to oppose HB 3099.

Sincerely,

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Doug Menke  
General Manager  
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District

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Mark Knudson, PE  
Chief Executive Officer  
Tualatin Valley Water District