



**Testimony Before the Joint Committee on Transportation
Relating to HB 3065 -5**

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Co-Chairs Senator Beyer and Representative McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Senator Boquist and Representative Noble. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input today. I am offering the LOC's opposition to -5 amendments for HB 3065.

Our opposition comes down to a proposed funding split presented in Section 35 for jurisdictional transfer. LOC's transportation focus has been to support a process for a jurisdictional transfer from ODOT to locals that has some level of balance. LOC would typically not comment in any jurisdiction's decision making, but we understand the City of Portland was not consulted with in advance of these -5 amendments and we are concerned about an artificial bar being established in statute without a robust conversation.

LOC would prefer an open process to develop a template for jurisdictional transfer that applies state-wide and is the result of a robust conversation. Both elements are not present in Section 35. Instead, the City of Portland has been presented terms of a transfer that is one-sided in favor of the state. Under sub (c)(A) ODOT is only responsible for a road condition of "good repair." This is followed by sub (c)(A) and (B) which set a 75/25 payment structure with the City of Portland responsible for 75-percent. The combination of these conditions would present little value, if any to jurisdictions from taking on a transfer.

The League's preference is to remove the entire reference to jurisdictional transfer in Section 35. We prefer a commitment from the state to work with interested local governments and organizations that advanced HB 2017 and develop a framework for how jurisdictional transfers should occur. Under this process you create an open forum and an opportunity for discussion that can create a process for jurisdictional transfer that makes sense and can apply across the state.