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Chair Wilde; Vice-Chair Hansell; Members of the Committee,

The City of Eugene supports HB 3082 that eliminates the inconsistency between minimum thresholds that require a competitive bid process in ORS 279B (goods and services) and ORS279C (public improvements/construction services). This inconsistency in the small procurement thresholds between ORS279B and ORS279C causes confusion for contractors and city staff and leads to additional training for both.

The City does not believe raising the small procurement threshold from \$5,000 to \$10,000 represents a significant policy change as there are few contracts for construction, reconstruction, or major renovation less than \$10,000.

Because this bill will help create consistency in the procurement process, provide clarity to contractors and procurement staff, and potentially remove barriers for small businesses to do business with us, the City of Eugene supports HB 3082.

Thank you,

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