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Representative Brian Clem, Chair
House Special Committee on Wildfire Recovery

The Oregon Home Builders Association represents over 3,000 members to provide quality, safe and durable housing across Oregon. Access to available and affordable housing for Oregon consumers is at the heart of our organizational mission. Our member associations in Southern Oregon, Lane, Marion, Linn, Lincoln and Clackamas county have been engaged at many levels in their local communities to aid the rebuilding process consistent with our principles and mission.

Our board believes that those persons impacted by the fires should be able to rebuild in an efficient and timely manner and that we reduce burdens so our citizens can get back to where they were before the fires.

HB2341 is just one of many citizen-focused efforts to make sure now more than ever our government services are flexible and responsive to the individual needs of those impacted. We appreciate the efforts of Representative Marsh, Representative Gomberg and Senator Findley (and many others too numerous to list) working with state and local groups to identify those areas where an extra set of "tools" in the toolbelt can help state and local officials meet those individual needs. As stated in the staff measure summary, this bill provides new tools to prorate property taxes which can go a long way to help consumers that must wrestle with insurance and cash flow just to get back to where they were:

"House Bill 2341 would authorize a tax collector in a county covered by a state of emergency declared by Governor due to fire or act of God, or authority of Governor under Emergency Conflagration Act, who knows or has reason to believe a property has been destroyed or damaged by fire or act of God to prorate taxes imposed on that property, and provides a new proration computation for property types other than specially assessed property."

Thank you for your consideration of this measure and we encourage your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Long", is written over a white background.

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