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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

900 Court Street, NE

Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Lieber and Members of the Committee:

The League of Oregon Cities supports SB 1567.

SB 1567 would give the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality the authority to require fuel storage facilities (or bulk oils or liquid fuels terminals) to assess their seismic vulnerability and implement mitigation plans to reduce risks. Terminals with a combined capacity of 2 million gallons or more that are located throughout the state would be covered by the bill.

SB 1567 would also require the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to develop an Energy Security Plan that recommends steps to improve community resilience by increasing geographic diversity of fuel storage capacity. This is an important step to improve public safety during disasters, and the ODOE would be tasked with consulting with many stakeholders, including cities, to comprise the energy security plan.

Many city functions, including city water systems, are dependent on the fuel sector. Because of our critical interdependency with the fuel sector to protect public health and provide essential services to our communities, LOC is supportive of this bill. Cities continually prepare for disasters to ensure the public has a reliable and safe services. Following a major earthquake, cities around the state will need fuel to repair and restore key functions, like providing vital drinking water and wastewater systems. The resiliency of the Oregon fuel supply is critical to the recovery of our state, our public health, and our viability as a community.

We urge your support on SB 1567.

Respectfully,

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