



**Testimony by City of Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald Supporting HB 4155:**

***Proposed Legislation Provides Crucial Support to Improve Cybersecurity and Leverage Federal Funds for State and Local Governments' Benefit***

Scheduled for informational meeting on Feb. 11, 2022, before the  
Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology

Co-Chairs Armitage and Nathanson, and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in support of HB 4155. The legislation creates an Oregon Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (CCOE) with support from established, accredited cybersecurity programs at Portland State University, Oregon State University and University of Oregon.

The proposed mission of the CCOE seeks to help local governments with cybersecurity workforce development, improve community education and training for public- and private-sector organizations. Additionally, CCOE is to facilitate cybersecurity-related goods and services procurement for regional and local governments, special districts, education service districts, K-12 schools and libraries.

HB 4155 enables Oregon to leverage \$15 million in federal funding with required state matching funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, with 80% of those funds designated for local governments. The bill authorizes the CCOE to accept moneys from the federal government and other sources; and the legislation establishes a set of funds targeted at specific issues of concern: cybersecurity, workforce development, grant fund for local entities, and a public awareness fund.

The City of Wilsonville operates an active Information Technology Division supporting critical operations of the Finance Department that is responsible for millions of dollars in payroll disbursements, utility credit-card payments processing, invoice billing/accounts receivables payments and other confidential financial transactions. The City funds staff training on cybersecurity issues like phishing attempts that seek to compromise security. IT reports on hacking attempts to the City firewall every hour of every day.

All local governments, the business sectors that we serve and the general public can benefit from enhanced cybersecurity awareness, training and support. The City of Wilsonville appreciates your consideration of this testimony and urges a Do-Pass vote on HB 4155. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Fitzgerald'.

Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor  
City of Wilsonville