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WEST EUGENE & JUNCTION CITY



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Co-chairs Holvey and Girod and members of the Joint Subcommittee:

Upon request from stakeholders, I write to clarify intent for two aspects of the omnibus budget report and appropriations contained in HB 5202-1.

For the allocations to local governments made in HB 5202-1, Section 379(4-12), funds are intended to be used for services related to homelessness with reasonable sideboards to ensure that best practices are being employed. In addition to hygiene services and outreach services, funds may be used for infrastructure and operation of temporary shelters, camping sites, parking sites, and navigation centers that have a maximum capacity of no more than 150 people, are connected to services, are low-barrier, and are voluntary for all individuals who utilize them. In this context, “temporary” refers to a place for individuals to stay temporarily. It is not intended to limit the use of funds to *structures* that are temporary. For instance, the funds could be used for the purchase or renovation of a building, in addition to the costs involved with setting up sanctioned tent encampment.

For the allocations to local governments made in HB 5202-1, Section 379(13-19), the intent is for funding to be used by local governments for *voluntary* trash pick-up, abandoned vehicle removal, and mitigation. Funds are not intended to be used to remove campsites or vehicles where people are currently living and that are not abandoned.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep. Julie Fahey
State Representative, House District 14

