

Testimony of Anneliese Koehler, State and Regional Affairs Advisor
In opposition to provisions in SB 1524 –A20
House Committee on Revenue
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Metro is the elected regional government that serves nearly 1.7 million people in the 24 cities and three counties of the Portland metropolitan area. We provide a broad range of public services that include land use and transportation planning, solid waste and recycling operations, housing and homeless services, management of parks and natural areas, and operation of major visitor facilities like the Oregon Convention Center and the Oregon Zoo.

Metro opposes the portions of the –A20 amendment to SB 1524 that eliminates the 6 year extension of Gain Share.

Gain Share is a critical program to our region, returning to our local jurisdictional partners necessary funding they forwent after successfully attracting and retaining family wage jobs. It enables local governments to make the necessary investments to ensure that our communities thrive. It provides crucial support for community focused projects like needed transportation infrastructure, affordable housing, broadband access, and economic development.

Metro Council supports efforts to ensure that our region has the tools it needs to ensure prosperous and thriving communities for our residents. Gain Share is one such tool, and we urge you to include it in SB 1524.