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Senator Kayse Jama, Chair
Senate Housing and Development Committee
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR. 97310

Chair Jama & Members of the Committee:

Surplus Real Property Inventory:

The Special Districts Association of Oregon represents districts across the state that provide 32 types of services including rural fire protection, library services, parks and recreation, municipal water, wastewater, and storm water services to name a few. While we support efforts to address our affordable housing and homeless crisis in the state, we oppose the changes contained in Section 24 of the bill and **support the dash 6 amendment** that would remove this section to SB 847.

The changes proposed in Section 24 would result in more than 950 special districts having to report “surplus property that is no longer suitable or needed for the duties and responsibilities of the government entity and that is located within an urban growth boundary or area zoned for rural residential use as defined in ORS 215.501.” Furthermore, it would require those districts to report that information to the Land Conservation and Development electronically.

There are couple practical problems for our members with these proposed changes. First, nearly one third of our member districts are run by volunteers. Requiring all those small districts to report this information, let alone knowing whether any of their properties are in a UGB or rural residential zone will be challenging to say the least. Additionally, nearly a third of our membership has no internet presence, thereby making it a challenge for those districts to submit these reports. Finally, special districts are single service government that own property for a reason. The property that our members own is typically not surplus property.

For these reasons we oppose the changes proposed in Section 24 and **support the dash 6 amendment** that would remove this language.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



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