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Chair Sosa, Vice-Chairs Chaichi and Osborne, and members of the committee:

My name is Wayne Manselle, and I am writing in support of HB 2966.

I have always been a strong believer in the idea that spending one's money as locally as possible is a powerful way to positively effect one's local community and economy. I believe just as strongly that Oregon's citizens need and deserve to see their public finances utilized, invested, and directed to be used in ways that maximally benefit Oregonian interests. To that end, I believe that the creation of a Public Finance Task Force as directed by HB 2966 would be instrumental in creating a future where Oregon's public funds maximize investment in, and the growth of Oregon's economy for all her citizens.

Such a task force could be empowered to specifically address some of the greatest concerns we've all agreed upon face Oregon going into 2025. They could pool knowledge and resources to create affordable funding sources for the housing we so desperately need, statewide infrastructure that needs maintenance and modernization, and to offer reasonable sources of funding for the farmers and small businesses that fuel Oregon's economy.

Beyond that, the tools and techniques the task force would be empowered put together could provide an critical source of stability as we enter a time where Oregon cannot rely on the Federal Government to be an actor in good faith when it comes to promised funding. There, we can provide our own stability, and undertake the most critical charge of governance, and that is for a government to place the care of her people at the forefront of their actions.

I hope the committee will see fit to move HB 2966 forward.

- Wayne Manselle