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House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 2581

Chair Tran, Vice Chairs Grayber and Lewis, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management, I am writing to express our support of HB 2581.

The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management promotes readiness, coordinates response, and builds resilience to better equip Portland and its residents in the case of a host of potential emergencies. Our emergency management and mitigation plans cover a range of natural and humanmade disasters. We know these emergencies extend far beyond seismic events and can include cascading emergencies happening at the same time. Through coordinated preparation and response to these events, we can save lives.

This bill would expand the responsibilities of the State Resiliency Officer by replacing the word "seismic" with the word "hazard", requiring the officer to plan for all hazards, not just earthquakes. Expanding the focus on the State Resiliency Officer will result in stronger readiness and response for Oregonians.

The City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management urges your support of HB 2581.

Thank you,

Shad Ahmed
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