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House Committee on Rules  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: Support for HB 3383 - Covering the Costs of Clerk Services**

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Committee Members,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 3383, which increases the amount of each fee that county clerks may charge for services.

The statutory limit on the amount that counties can charge for recording documents and other services has not been changed since 1987. Currently in statute, the fee to record a document at the clerk's office is five dollars per page. According to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, five dollars in 2025 amounts to about only \$1.74 in buying power back in 1987 when the fee was adopted. The proposal in HB 3383 would modernize the statute by raising the fee for recording the first page of a document from \$5 to \$10, while keeping the fee for subsequent pages the same at \$5 per page.

House Bill 3383 would help counties keep up with the cost of doing business, which has accelerated in the last few years due to inflation and labor expenses. Counties need stable funding for the critical services such as document recording and marriage licensing.

Thank you for considering our comments, and we respectfully request your support for HB 3383.

Sincerely,

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