



February 28, 2025

House Committee On Higher Education and  
Workforce Development  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support for HB 3700 – Expanding Drinking Water and Wastewater Reciprocity**

On behalf of the League of Oregon Cities (LOC), representing all 241 cities in Oregon, we express strong support for House Bill 3700. Oregon’s current reciprocity rules limit the available pool of certified operators, creating hiring challenges for our members.

Providing clarity for out-of-state applicants on how their experience translates to Oregon’s certification requirements will offer much-needed certainty in recruitment while maintaining high standards required to protect public health and the environment.

**This bill is an important step toward a thorough conversation on reciprocity for drinking water and wastewater operators.** We urge your support to help ensure Oregon’s cities have access to a qualified workforce.

The League of Oregon Cities is grateful for the opportunity to support House Bill 3700 and we stand ready to work collaboratively with the Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority on this issue.

Many thanks,  
Michael Martin  
League of Oregon Cities  
Lobbyist