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Subject: Support for HB 2346 – Clarifying OREM’s Roles and Responsibilities

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Paul Crase I am the Emergency Manager for the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, I am writing this letter in support of HB 2346, to provide additional clarity regarding Oregon’s Office of Resilience and Emergency Management within the Department of Human Services (OREM) roles and responsibilities. As our communities continue to face increasing threats from wildfires, floods, and other emergencies, it is essential that OREM’s structure and mission are well-defined to ensure a coordinated, efficient, and effective response.

Tribes, counties, and local emergency managers depend on OREM for guidance, resources, and coordination during crises. OREM has provided essential support for tribes and local communities. HB 2346 will allow OREM to continue providing preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for all Oregonians, including tribal communities that often face unique challenges during emergencies.

I urge the Legislature to pass HB 2346 to help strengthen Oregon’s emergency management framework and ensure that all communities, including tribal nations, have the support they need when disaster strikes. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Respectfully,

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