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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

The City of Millersburg expresses strong support for House Bill 3700. Oregon's current reciprocity rules limit the available pool of certified operators, creating hiring challenges for our communities.

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.

Thank you,

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