



# JACKSON COUNTY

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Oregon House of Representatives  
House Committee On Revenue

RE: Support of Oregon House Bill 3518 (2025)

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the House Committee On Revenue:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Oregon House Bill (HB) 3518 (2025). Funding for the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance (CAFFA) Grant, established in 1989 through HB 2338, has declined to a critical level. Historically, CAFFA funding provided as much as 33 percent of Jackson County's Assessment & Taxation (A&T) budget. However, in the most recent year, this funding hit a historical low of just 10 percent, placing an unprecedented strain on our ability to effectively administer property tax functions.

The decline in CAFFA funding forces greater reliance on the County's General Fund, diverting resources from other essential services while simultaneously challenging our ability to maintain the integrity of the property tax system. Property tax revenue is the primary funding source for schools, emergency services, law enforcement, infrastructure, and other vital community programs. Without proper funding for assessment and taxation functions, delays in property valuations, tax collections, and overall administration will negatively impact local governments and taxpayers alike.

HB 3518 seeks to restore sustainable funding for A&T functions across Oregon, ensuring counties can uphold the integrity and efficiency of the property tax system. Without this support, Jackson County, and counties throughout Oregon, will continue to experience growing financial challenges that could result in reduced services, delayed tax roll processing, and an overall erosion of tax administration effectiveness.

I strongly urge you to support the passage of HB 3518 to provide the necessary resources for maintaining an equitable and efficient property tax system that benefits all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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