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Chair Taylor, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor and Business,

Beaverton School District 48 supports Senate Bill 904, a practical measure that extends the current statute for self-insured public entities, such as cities and counties, to include public self-insured school districts. Beaverton, Salem, and Portland, Oregon's largest districts, all follow the self-insured model.

This legislation does not alter the Department of Consumer and Business Services' (DCBS) jurisdiction or evaluation processes for security deposit exemptions. It simply ensures that qualifying school districts can be considered for the same exemption.

If Beaverton School District meets the DCBS exemption criteria, we could save \$30,000 annually, totaling \$300,000 over a decade, while also reducing administrative burdens tied to deposit management.

We value your dedication to Oregon's students and community, and we urge your support for SB 904 to extend this financial relief to school districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leah McCarthy', with a stylized, flowing script.

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Beaverton School District

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