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

Portland Public Schools supports SB 904.

Senate Bill 904 is a straightforward bill that expands an established statute that applies to self-insured public entities, cities and counties, to also include self-insured public school districts. The three largest Oregon school districts, Beaverton, Salem, and Portland Public, are self-insured.

SB 904 maintains the jurisdiction and established processes of the DCBS in determining if a self-insured public entity may be exempted from a security deposit. It merely adds school districts as entities that may qualify for the exemption.

If enacted, and Portland Public Schools satisfied the security deposit exemption requirements as determined by the DCBS, the District would save approximately \$10,000 annually, about \$100,000 over the next decade, in addition to the annual administrative process associated with obtaining and maintaining the security deposit.

We thank you for your service to Oregonians and Oregon students. Please support SB 904.

Sincerely,

Joe Crelier
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