



League of Oregon Cities

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House Committee On Economic Development
Small Business, and Trade
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 3104 and the “dash-one” Amendments

Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chairs Diehl & Isadore, and Committee Members,

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) which represents all 241 cities across Oregon, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 3104 and the “dash-one” amendments. This bill is a critical step toward addressing the unique challenges faces by Oregon’s rural communities by establishing the Rural Community Resource Center.

Oregon’s small and rural cities often lack the staff capacity and technical expertise needed to pursue and manage infrastructure, housing, and economic development projects. While there are significant federal and state funding opportunities available, many of these communities are unable to access them due to administrative and technical barriers. This bill would provide a dedicated resource to help bridge this gap, ensuring that rural cities have the support necessary to plan, fund and execute essential community projects.

The League of Oregon Cities supports the establishment of the Rural Community Resource Leverage Fund and the proposed investment to provide technical assistance and funding support. This investment will help cities overcome capacity constraints and secure much-needed public and private resources for infrastructure, housing, economic development and other vital services.

We urge your support for House Bill 3104 and the “dash-one” amendments.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide further information.