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

RE: Support HB 3099

Chair Nguyen and Members of the Committee:

OEDA is a statewide non-profit organization dedicated to the service and support of Oregon's economic development practitioners on the front lines of diversifying and expanding Oregon's economy. Our association represents members and stakeholders from more than 180 public and private entities from economic development corporations, cities, counties, ports, utilities, tribes, and many other organizations interested in attracting and retaining investment here in Oregon.

We support HB 3099. Amongst our members and this critical work are Oregon's Economic Development Districts. These organizations take critical feedback from their own community members, execute plans that revitalize, rebuild and strengthen our communities in a myriad of ways. Economic Development Districts cover the State's 9 Tribes, 36 counties, 297 municipalities (which include cities, towns and Tribes) and 3.7 million residents. They coordinate investment in all of Oregon's communities, in ways tailored to their region and its citizens' needs. Whether revitalizing blighted areas in communities, supporting small business growth, or recruiting new, large-scale investment, Economic Developments are part of the challenging puzzle of ensuring a sustainable future in Oregon with strong jobs, stable tax base and a proud sense of community.

HB 3099 is a small, yet important investment in these organizations. It will bolster the critical work that OEDA, our members and these Economic Development Districts carry out across all of Oregon. We urge you to vote "yes" on HB 3099.

Thank you,

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