

Community Sewer Coalition, Inc. Roseburg, Oregon

Testimonial in Support of House Bill 3104 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2025 Regular Session Submitted by the Community Sewer Coalition

Chair Daniel Nguyễn, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Seth Buechley, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of the Community Sewer Coalition in strong support of House Bill 3104. The Community Sewer Coalition is organized as a Non-Profit organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our mission is to promote and advance the common interests of our members, including small and disadvantaged communities (10,000 residents or fewer), municipalities, real estate developers, and homeowners—by advocating for the financial and environmental benefits of advanced wastewater management solutions.

Oregon’s rural and small communities face significant challenges in accessing sustainable wastewater infrastructure. Traditional public financing systems often favor larger municipalities, leaving smaller communities with limited options to address their critical wastewater needs. House Bill 3104 provides a much-needed framework to level the playing field, ensuring all communities, regardless of size, have access to modern, sustainable wastewater solutions.

The Community Sewer Coalition supports HB 3104 because it aligns with our core objectives:

1. Establishing a clear, logical path to sustainable infrastructure within a reasonable timeframe.
2. Addressing inequities in public financing that disproportionately impact small communities.
3. Mitigating consultant biases that work against the best interests of communities.
4. Elevating our nation’s wastewater infrastructure from its current D+ grade toward an A-grade standard.

By passing HB 3104, Oregon will take an important step toward equitable, effective, and sustainable wastewater management for all residents. We urge the committee to support this bill and help ensure that no community is left without the infrastructure it needs to thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Seth Buechley
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