



League of Oregon Cities

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House Committee On Economic Development
Small Business, and Trade

RE: Support for House Bill 3246 – Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap

Chair Nguyen, Vice Chairs Diehl and Isadore, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the League of Oregon Cities, representing all 241 cities in our state, I want to express our support of House Bill 3246 and the potential benefits it could provide to Oregon communities.

Industrial symbiosis, where businesses and municipalities collaborate to reuse materials, energy, and by-products – offers opportunities to improve efficiency, reduce waste, and support economic growth. Many cities, particularly those managing wastewater, food processing, or industrial operations, could find value in exploring these partnerships.

I had a chance to visit what is considered ground-central of industrial symbiosis during a tour in June of 2024 in Denmark. I was part of a group that included businesses, ports, and a bipartisan group of legislators from this body. Communities and businesses have effectively done the hard work, finding opportunities to partner and explore innovative ways to share resources, create energy and find solutions to waste streams. It is an incredible display of the possibilities, and this technology and knowledge can work in the United States and Oregon.

By developing a roadmap and piloting technical assistance programs, HB 3246 could help cities identify practical ways to optimize resources, lower costs, and support local industries. We appreciate the focus on sustainability and innovation and look forward to seeing how this approach can benefit Oregon's cities.

Thank you,

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