



OREGON PROPERTY OWNERS
— ASSOCIATION —

**Senate Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
Support Testimony on SB 1099**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments today in support of SB 1099. The Oregon Property Owners Association has represented Oregon property owners before the Legislature, local governments, state agencies and Oregon courts for nearly 40 years, with more than 12,000 contributors across the state, including all 36 Oregon counties.

Religious institutions perform many valuable community services as part of their religious mission, many of which could be considered secular. Current Oregon law (ORS 215.441 and ORS 227.500) contains a mix of religious and secular activities that religious institutions are allowed to perform in areas where the local zoning specifically allows for religious institutions.

One of the uses missing from the list of allowed uses is schools serving k-12 students. While childcare facilities are allowed in religious institutions, k-12 schools are not. For religious institutions located on property that allows churches but not schools, this is a problem. SB 1099 addresses this issue by adding k-12 schools to the list of uses specifically authorized for religious institutions. Passage of this bill will enable religious institutions to include k-12 programs to their activities and further serve the community. This is a valuable addition to the community.

Please move forward with SB 1099.

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