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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3870, which appropriates funds from the General Fund to the Oregon Business Development Department for distribution to local governments and other entities for purposes related to public safety. This legislation is essential for enhancing the safety and well-being of our communities across the state.

Public safety is a fundamental concern for every resident, and adequate funding is crucial for ensuring that our local governments and organizations can effectively address safety issues. By providing financial resources through HB 3870, we empower communities to implement vital programs and initiatives that enhance public safety, including law enforcement, emergency response, and community outreach efforts.

Investing in public safety not only protects individuals but also fosters a sense of security and trust within our communities. With these funds, local governments can improve their infrastructure, acquire necessary equipment, and implement training programs for first responders, ensuring they are well-prepared to handle emergencies and protect our citizens. Additionally, this funding can support preventive measures, such as community policing initiatives and educational programs, which are critical for building stronger, safer neighborhoods.

Moreover, HB 3870 acknowledges the diverse needs of our communities. By allowing local governments and entities to tailor their public safety initiatives to meet specific challenges, we can ensure that resources are allocated where they are most needed. This flexibility is vital for addressing the unique circumstances faced by different regions, whether urban, rural, or suburban.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support HB 3870 and urge you to advocate for its passage. Appropriating funds for public safety is a crucial investment in the health and security of our communities, and it demonstrates our commitment to fostering safer environments for all Oregonians. Thank you for your attention to this important issue.