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Joint Committee On Transportation
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Support House Bill 3209, Abandoned Recreational Vehicle (RV) Disposal

I am writing on behalf of Hood River County to express our support for House Bill 3209, which aims to provide fair and sustainable funding sources for the removal and disposal of abandoned recreational vehicles (RVs) and to support campgrounds.

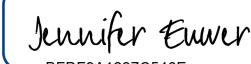
Hood River County values its agricultural setting and pristine environment that visitors have come to love. However, this popularity has led to the unfortunate issue of abandoned RVs in county areas contributing to debris, trash and potential environmental degradation. As a small county with limited resources, we are faced with the significant burden of coordinating, relocating, storing, and properly disposing of these RVs. While the funding provided by HB 3209 will not fully cover the costs of staff time and the appropriate disposal fees, it will significantly assist in alleviating this public hazard and enabling the County to continue addressing these challenges.

Additionally, Hood River County's three campgrounds are a vital resource for our visitors, with over 9,000 individual stays each year. However, the RV fees have not been adjusted since the 1980s and were even reduced in 2007. As a result, the current fee structure has not kept pace with inflation, which places an undue strain on the County's diminishing General Fund. The proposed fee increase, while necessary, is still less than what would be required if the fees were adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index.

The Hood River County Board of Commissioners urges you to support the passage of House Bill 3209. Our county was an early supporter of this initiative, as reflected in the one-pager that has been circulated.

Thank you, Co-Chairs, Co-Vice Chairs, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation for your time and consideration regarding House Bill 3209.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Jennifer Euwer
Chair, Hood River County Board of Commissioners