



SENATOR BRUCE STARR

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Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 3939

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

I wholeheartedly support HB 3939, which would provide a much-needed boost for rural affordable housing at a uniquely efficient rate. The fact that it funds shovel-ready projects puts it at the top of the list for me.

HB 3939 accommodates larger, statewide, needs which I'm sure are addressed in other testimonies.

Within Senate District 12, it will enable the Oregon Business Development Department to address key local water projects for the City of Dallas and the City of Carlton.

The City of Dallas's housing needs cannot be addressed without improvements to its water infrastructure. The \$2 million that HB 3939 will appropriate is critical to the community.

The City of Carlton is in a similar predicament. \$1.5 million for their two-part water loop system will help house residents and without further strain on local infrastructure.

Both projects are in my view, small asks of the Legislature in the grand scheme of things. We need to take advantage of rural projects that are already teed up for housing relief.

Thank you,

Bruce Starr

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