

April 9, 2025

House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Opposition to House Bill 2351A

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 2351A. Multnomah County respectfully requests your opposition to HB 2351A due to its one-sided approach in resolving unclear and oftentimes overwhelming data requests from Business Oregon to County Assessment and Taxation Offices.

Over the last number of years, through our state association and individually, counties have continued to request Business Oregon to engage in thoughtful discussions to identify what information is lacking to be identified so counties can proactively work with Business Oregon to accomplish these data needs in an efficient and effective manner. To date, we have not found resolution with Business Oregon despite our sincere attempts to continue the conversation. Instead of pursuing this legislation, Multnomah County would welcome additional discussion about how to move forward to achieve the goals of providing additional information to the Department.

As written, HB 2351A would put additional and unnecessary burdens on the county's assessment and taxation functions. We estimate that the County would need to hire an additional FTE to address the requirements in the bill and the demands from Business Oregon. At a time of challenging budgets across the state, this would make it more difficult for the county to meet its obligations to taxpayers and taxing districts.

Sincerely,

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