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Chair Pham & Committee Members Senate Committee on Housing and Development

## RE: HB 3921 - City of Roseburg Urban Growth Boundary Swap

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Roseburg Public Schools District, we are pleased to provide our support to the City of Roseburg's use of the Urban Growth Boundary Exchange (UGB swap) to address the limited availability of housing and/or land for housing within the Roseburg city boundaries.

Each school year, Roseburg Public Schools hires an average of 50 individuals in teaching as well as support staff positions and each year approximately one-third of the new hires relocating to the area to work for Roseburg Public Schools find themselves unable to find housing. Available and affordable housing, direct purchase, rentals and even temporary RV parking, are severely lacking.

The expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary will provide a much-needed opportunity for an increase in available housing within the Roseburg city limits, thereby increasing the retention rate of school district employees.

Thank you for considering this request; this project will provide much-needed opportunities for community and economic growth for Roseburg.

Sincerely,

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