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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB904

North Clackamas School District #12 supports Senate Bill 904, a practical measure to extend the current statute for self-insured public entities, such as cities and counties, to include public self-insured school districts. Like the State's three largest districts, North Clackamas SD has been self-insured for workers' compensation since 1978.

This legislation does not alter the Department of Consumer and Business Services' (DCBS) jurisdiction or evaluation processes for security deposit exemptions. It simply ensures that qualifying school districts can be considered for the same exemption benefit currently available to other government institutions.

I believe North Clackamas meets the DCBS exemption criteria, and would be able to save approximately \$12,000 of taxpayer funds annually, allowing those funds to stay in our district, serving our students as intended, rather than being issued to a financial institution. Additionally, it would reduce administrative burdens tied to deposit management.

We value your dedication to Oregon's students and community, and we strongly request your support for SB 904 to extend this financial relief to school districts.