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TO: House Committee on Revenue

FROM: Vanessa Cornwall, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager

RE: HB 2321, relating to ballot measures addressing property taxes

Dear Chair Nathanson, Co-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County urges support for HB 2321 requiring a task force to study the impacts of Measures 5 and 50 on local governments.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners adopted a series of Legislative Principles in advance of this Legislative Assembly, including:

Advocate to ensure fiscal health for Assessment and Taxation offices, to maximize revenue for all local taxing districts.

Measures 5 and 50 have turned the property tax system upside down by altering the levying authority for municipal corporations - counties, cities, education districts and special districts. These measures significantly reduced property tax revenues and introduced major reforms to Oregon's property tax system. Both measures reshaped the system permanently, with lasting effects that continue to impact Lane County residents.

HB 2321 gives local governments the opportunity to voice concerns and identify opportunities to ensure fiscal health for Lane County.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY VANESSA CORNWALL, LANE COUNTY INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS OFFICER