



February 12, 2026

Re: Support of Terrebonne Sanitary District's Funding Request

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

We are urging your support for the Terrebonne Sanitary District funding request for \$4,000,000.

Terrebonne is entirely dependent on antiquated onsite septic systems. Consequently, small lots coupled with shallow soil conditions threaten existing residences and businesses. In 2003 the Terrebonne Sanitary District was formed in response to this on-going crisis. Numerous entities including Deschutes County, City of Redmond, Oregon Department of Transportation, and the District collaborated to develop and integrate a sanitary collection system for Terrebonne with wastewater ultimately being treated at a City of Redmond wastewater treatment facility. The Terrebonne STEP Collection System construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2027 if grant funding is secured.

Legislative funding Grant assistance will reduce construction and onsite costs, lower connection fees and monthly rates, and encourage early adoption. Supporting this project will create opportunities for residential development, improve affordability for property owners, and strengthen the long-term financial sustainability of the system.

Thank you for your consideration.

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

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