

February 13, 2026

To: Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government

Subject: SUPPORT SB 1514

Dear Chair Meek, Vice Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support the passage of SB 1514, which repeals HB 3115 (2021). Taking away local control to address the complex issues surrounding homelessness has proven to be a failed experiment. Unsheltered homelessness has continued to increase, and the damage to our parks and public spaces will take years to repair.

Each community is unique and should be allowed to craft solutions that fit its specific needs and resources. Complex problems require a range of tools and approaches. HB 3115 significantly limited those tools, particularly for rural communities that already face resource constraints. Homelessness is not solely a metro issue, and rural voices deserve equal consideration in shaping policy responses.

Continuing to allow unsheltered homelessness to overrun parks and public spaces while draining public resources is not effective governance. By passing HB 3115, the state placed unnecessary restrictions on municipal governments. Supporting SB 1514 would restore local authority and empower communities to collaborate, innovate, and implement solutions that work best for their residents.

I respectfully ask for your support of SB 1514.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nikki Messenger".

Nikki Messenger  
Roseburg