

Submitter: Ryan Nolan
On Behalf Of: City of Rogue River
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4159
RE: Support – HB 4159

Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Pham, and honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to respectfully urge your support for House Bill 4159, a measure that strengthens the structure and effectiveness of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC). HB 4159 requires the Governor to appoint one member of the Commission who has local government experience, ensuring that the Commission benefits from direct insight into the ethics challenges and practical realities faced by local jurisdictions across Oregon.

This addition is not merely procedural, local government officials and employees are among the most frequent stakeholders interacting with OGEC rules, and their perspective is invaluable for balanced, informed oversight. Having a Commission member with local government experience will benefit the entire Commission and the individuals who interact with the Commission.

The changes outlined in HB 4159 reflect thoughtful improvements recommended by the Oregon Government and Ethics Commission Workgroup and will strengthen public trust in our institutions. I encourage you to lend your support and help ensure that ethical oversight in Oregon remains strong, accessible, and grounded in real expertise.

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

Ryan Nolan
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City of Rogue River