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From: Josh Tompkins, President & CEO, Washington County Chamber of Commerce

To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 4102

Chair Sollman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, I respectfully submit this testimony in **support of HB 4102.**

Oregon businesses value strong environmental protections. They also depend on regulatory predictability. When companies evaluate whether to invest, expand, or locate in our state, clear expectations and timely permitting decisions are essential. Extended or uncertain review timelines can delay projects and, in some cases, shift investment to other states competing for the same capital and job creation.

HB 4102 offers a practical and balanced approach to improving process efficiency within the Department of Environmental Quality. The bill does not weaken environmental standards or alter protections. Instead, it provides tools to address backlogs, improve timelines, and increase certainty for regulated entities navigating environmental review.

This proposal aligns with broader efforts to modernize permitting processes and strengthen coordination across state government. As Oregon competes nationally for business investment, ensuring that our regulatory systems are predictable and responsive is critical to maintaining economic competitiveness.

Businesses want to comply. They want to invest. They want to create jobs in Oregon communities. HB 4102 supports those goals while maintaining the environmental safeguards that Oregonians expect.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of HB 4102.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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