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Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr, and members of the committee,

The Metro Mayors Consortium represents the mayors of 24 cities in the Portland Metro Area—home to more than 1.7 million Oregonians, I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4159, and HB 4161.

We also appreciate Rep. Sosa for bringing together an interim workgroup to address issues that are impacting local governments and their ability to serve their communities. This collaborative process was important and helped ensure these proposals reflect real challenges our cities have been facing.

HB 4161 recognizes the reality of local government. Many city councilors, board members, and commissioners are volunteers who give up evenings and weekends to serve their communities. When meetings run through dinner, providing a simple meal helps people stay engaged and focused. That should not be treated as compensation.

HB 4159 ensures that local government experience is represented on the Oregon Government Ethics Commission. The commission makes decisions that directly affect cities, counties, and special districts, yet that perspective is not consistently reflected today. This bill helps create a more balanced and informed process. Together, these bills are thoughtful, practical fixes that maintain transparency while allowing local governments to function effectively. They are an important first step toward addressing unintended consequences and refocusing Oregon's ethics framework on its core purpose. We also see this as the beginning of a broader conversation on public meetings and ethics laws, and we look forward to continued collaboration.

We respectfully urge your support for all three bills. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium