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TESTIMONY

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to

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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HB 4020

The League of Oregon Cities supports HB 4020 and the \$10 million in additional lottery funds it would make available for the *ConnectOregon* program. *ConnectOregon* provides grant and loan funds in support of marine, air and rail freight mobility projects – i.e. modes other than those served by the State Highway Fund.

As with most investments in infrastructure, the addition of \$10 million to the \$40 million approved by the 2011 Legislature for *ConnectOregon* will create jobs and enhance the safety and reliability of the state's transportation system. The value of *ConnectOregon* has already been demonstrated in versions I, II and III. Cities, counties, transit districts and other jurisdictions from throughout Oregon have made application to the Oregon Department of Transportation for \$84 million in worthy projects under *ConnectOregon* IV. The addition of \$10 million to the \$40 million already approved, which is contained both in this bill and HB 4020, will result in that much more job creation and even greater improvements in the state's transportation network.

The League urges passage of HB 4028.

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