



**Intergovernmental
Relations**

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Representatives Clem and Esquivel
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

RE: House Bill 4089 – Non-contiguous Annexations

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Co-Chairs Clem and Esquivel and Members of the Committee:

The City of Eugene **SUPPORTS** HB 4089 which would allow some property owners to request that their non-contiguous properties be annexed. The bill applies only to properties that were under the jurisdiction of the Lane County Boundary Commission – as that was the last boundary commission in the state and was dissolved January 1, 2007.

Prior to 2007, Lane County was under the jurisdiction of the Lane County Boundary Commission (Commission). One of the unique tools under the Commission was the ability to annex non-contiguous properties into the city. When the Commission was dissolved in 2007 – this tool went away. Many property owners within the River Road/Santa Clara area northwest of Eugene were left with the inability to annex into the City of Eugene, even though this was a common practice in that area prior to 2007.

Stakeholders met to discuss a compromise to HB 4089 to further narrow the application of the bill. The proposed amendments would allow the owner of a noncontiguous property to be annexed **only if**:

1. The city to which the property will be annexed was under the jurisdiction of a boundary commission as of January 1, 2007; and
2. A portion of the property to be annexed is within 200 feet of the existing boundary of the city to which the property will be annexed; and
3. The current owner of the noncontiguous territory to be annexed purchased their property prior to 1973; and
4. The property owner annexes prior to January 1, 2013.

We respectfully urge your support of HB 4089. Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments.

Sincerely,

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