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The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) strongly supports the Oregon Solutions Network which includes the Regional Advisory Committees, Regional Solutions Centers, and the National Policy Consensus Center. This network has demonstrated that it can solve complex problems in communities across the state. Often, we can agree on a problem, but the solution is vexing and difficult to achieve.

The Oregon Solutions Network brings together local and state government agencies and stakeholders to develop collaborative solutions and find the necessary resources and technical expertise to fashion a solution. AOC has participated as a convener and as part of the Regional Advisory Committees. The Oregon Solutions approach has addressed problems such as coastal flooding, environmental permitting for economic development projects, and transportation issues.

Regional Solutions recognizes there are unique needs in each region in the state. By convening the key parties, problems and can be solved and funding opportunities can be leveraged to address the highest regional priorities essential for long-term growth and vitality of our communities.

This bill sends a strong message from the Legislature endorsing this process and encouraging state agencies to participate and set priorities to complement the efforts of Regional Solutions.