



**Curry County
Board of Commissioners**

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Dear Chair Garrett and Vice Chair Hicks:

I respectfully request an amendment to HB 2206 that would assist Curry County with Assessment, Taxation and Clerk/Election department functions.

The amendment would be in the original bill, changing Section 3, subsection (5) (C) to read:

The Fee shall be payable from the county's unsegregated tax collections account described in ORS 311.385 and shall be paid over to the 'county's general fund for the sole purpose of funding the Assessment, Taxation and Clerk/Elections departments.'

Creating a subsection (5) (D) that reads:

The fee shall be based on a percentage of the unsegregated tax collections account to fund the actual cost of the minimum adequate services performed by these departments.

The purpose of these amendments is very straight forward. If the county were able to defer the costs of these departments from our General Fund dollars by utilizing a very small percentage of the unsegregated tax collections then we would be able to take the deferred savings and use them for public safety thereby mitigating the financial impact through companion legislation; HB 3453, on the citizens and the state.

Sincerely,

David Brock Smith, Chair
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