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I write to express support for HB 2633. The research I did for my book *The Next Tsunami* (Oregon State University Press: 2014) convinced me not only that Oregon is way behind in taking concrete steps to prepare for the inevitable Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami, but a pervasive lack of clear understanding of this dual natural disaster we face has led communities in Oregon to continue to make choices that are absolutely not in the public's best interest, such as rebuilding a hospital and locating a disaster communications center in the tsunami inundation zone. We are not going to move our cities off the coast entirely, but it is clear that SB 379 from 1995 does not have the teeth to compel school districts, hospital districts, municipalities and other bodies to make planning decisions about location of essential facilities that are based on the best available science and a rational understanding of statistical probability. Funding is a huge issue, but proper planning is also essential. I fully endorse HB 2633 as a rational step in this effort.

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