



CITY OF LA PINE

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March 10, 2015

Oregon State Senate
Environmental and Natural Resources Committee
Senator Chris Edwards, Chairperson

RE: SB-246 On-Site Septic System Financing

Dear Chair Edwards and Committee Members:

The City of La Pine is located in the southern part of Deschutes County nestled along the Little Deschutes River which winds between La Pine and Sunriver for 15 miles. The majority of the homes are served by individual septic systems many of which are beginning to fail and using outdated technology. There is tremendous support in the area for SB-246 which would provide a financing system for residents to upgrade and repair their on-site septic systems.

The Deschutes River is one of Oregon treasures of which I know many of you have spent time on over the years. It's in all our interest to make sure that to the best of our ability septic systems that are in the basin are functioning properly to reduce nitrates and other pollutants from seeping into the river. The river has some of the best fishing and provides the spring waters for great tasting craft beers known throughout the country.

Currently the cost of some systems can run \$20,000 +/- when major repairs are needed. Due to that high cost, many homeowners fail to repair systems because of that cost. SB-246 will provide one tool for some of the residents that qualify to make the necessary repairs that will benefit all us. The fish, beer drinkers and all of Oregon will appreciate septic systems that truly function and reduce pollutants on all waterways in Oregon.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call, 541-815-4380 Cell phone.

Best regards,



Rick Allen, Interim City Manager
City of La Pine