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The Honorable Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
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Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

Senate Bill 580 **-1 Amendments**

The Oregon State Landscape Architect Board (OSLAB) wishes to present testimony on SB 580 with the -1 amendments. OSLAB's input is limited to Section 6 of the bill. The revised language of Section 6 as found in the -1 amendments is reflective of an agreement that emerged from ongoing discussions between representatives of OSLAB and the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board (OLCB) about practice overlap and protection of health, safety, and welfare in the practices of landscape architecture and landscape construction. Should the Committee decide to move forward with SB 580, OSLAB respectfully encourages the Committee to move forward with the -1 language for SB 580 Section 6 in lieu of the introduced language for Section 6.

OSLAB understands that the language in the introduced version of SB 580 Section 6 was supported as a "placeholder" by the work group convened by Senator Thomsen to explore issues related to OLCB's statutes and rules. The "placeholder" was added in recognition of ongoing discussions between OSLAB and OLCB. OSLAB was not a member of the work group. Representatives of OSLAB and OLCB have been focused on the idea of statutory change to allow OLCB registrants with an irrigation phase license to provide design-only services for irrigation systems. The intent was to clarify roles with respect to irrigation design services for the benefit of consumers and the registrants of the two Boards. The Boards agreed in concept to LCB registrants with appropriate training and experience, as demonstrated by the irrigation phase license, providing consumers with irrigation system designs separate from any installation work. The agreement did not extend to expansion of the scope of practice for OLCB registrants to design-only services for ornamental water features or drainage systems as was included in Section 6 of the introduced version of SB 580. OSLAB believes that the introduced language of Section 6 would result in unintended consequences related to public health, safety and welfare and as such would be of concern to at least the landscape architecture community and possibly the professional engineering and landscape construction communities as well.

Thank you for consideration of OSLAB's testimony.

Please contact Christine Valentine, Board Administrator, for more information or with any questions the Committee may have. She can be reached at christine.valentine@state.or.us or 503-589-0093.