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DATE: March 11, 2015
TO: Honorable Representative Hoyle, Chair
House Committee on Rules
FROM: Senate President Pro Tempore Ginny Burdick
SUBJECT: House Joint Memorial 1

Chair Hoyle and Members of the committee, for the record, my name is Ginny Burdick. I serve as the State Senator for District 18, which includes portions of west Portland and the entire City of Tigard.

I'm here today to discuss House Joint Memorial 1.

Currently, there are many addresses within the City of Tigard that are officially designated as Portland addresses. HJM 1 is a simple bill that urges the U.S. Postmaster General to recognize that these addresses are Tigard addresses, not Portland addresses.

The City of Tigard, which I am honored to represent, has a population of over 50,000. Tigard has a unique cultural heritage, and is very much a separate city from Portland.

HJM 1 is merely the first step needed to fix this confusion. If this bill passes, it will be up to the Postmaster General to decide whether to heed our request by changing the address designation.

There has been some concern that if this bill is passed, addresses that are not within Tigard's boundaries would be classified as Tigard addresses. The dash one amendments add some clarification. Only addresses within the city limits of Tigard would be affected. Addresses in unincorporated Washington County would not.

Please adopt the dash one amendments and pass this bill.