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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
HB 3084: Relating to the withdrawal of property
from a newly incorporated city**

Clackamas County supports HB 3084: The Board of County Commissioners supports HB 3084, which modifies the authority for withdrawal of land from the City of Damascus if the city has not adopted a Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations within four years after incorporation as a city.

The City of Damascus' inability to pass a comprehensive zoning plan since its incorporation in 2004 has fostered tensions between local residents, resulted in unnecessary lawsuits, and led to stagnant development in and around the current city boundary. Clackamas County desires the success of each of its cities, but favors a property owner's right and need to make predictable investments with their land. Presently, residents in Damascus cannot achieve this goal.

HB 3084 provides an avenue by which property owners can choose to de-annex from the City of Damascus and once again have the ability to achieve development goals within adjacent cities or unincorporated Clackamas County. We urge a "yes" vote for HB 3084.

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