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Good afternoon, Chair Fagan and members of the committee. For the record, my name is MaryKay Dahlgreen and I am the State Librarian.

I am here today to speak to HB 3523 which would change the governance structure of the Oregon State Library and allow implementation of several of the recommendations that were made by the 2011 Legislative Workgroup on Libraries & Archives in Oregon State Government.

From the perspective of the State Library, the changes to the State Library Board would allow broader input from all of our patron bases and provide the added expertise of two of our partner agencies. The change to the appointment of the State Librarian would bring that process in line with other agency director appointments while continuing to assure that professional library credentials are required.

The other substantive changes appear in Sections 15, Section 16, and Section 19. Those sections would create a State Reference Coordinating Council, require state library approval and oversight of subscription databases and physical subscriptions, and require state library certification of other state agency libraries.

Again, from the perspective of the State Library, these changes were recommendations from the 2011 Workgroup and are intended to increase efficiency and reduce duplication. We anticipate that these activities could be integrated into the work of the State Library with minimal fiscal impact.