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Testimony in support of SB 32

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**To Chair Vega Pederson, Vice-Chairs Johnson and Reardon, and Members of the Committee,**

The League of Oregon Cities appreciates the opportunity to express our support for SB 32. This bill would direct the Public Utility Commission to form a work group for the purposes of studying methods for expanding access to natural gas to areas that currently do not have such access. Access to natural gas service can be a critical factor for a business looking to locate in a particular community. We are hopeful the work group proposed through SB 32 will be an important economic development tool for communities, especially those in rural areas of the state, and will provide them to be competition in attracting much needed economic investment and jobs.

Additionally, we would advocate for the inclusion of -3 amendments to broaden the work group to include key stakeholders, including local government representatives.