



City of Canby

Testimony by City of Canby Transit Director Julie Wehling in Support of HB 2236 Providing Equitable Treatment of a Public Transit Agency Operated by a Municipality

For Public Hearing Scheduled on May 19, 2015 Before the Joint
Subcommittee on General Government

**To Co-Chair Greg Smith, Co-Chair Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, and Members of the
Committee:**

The City of Canby and Canby Area Transit support HB 2236, which revises current State law to provide impartial treatment of public agencies operated by cities. Canby Area Transit (CAT) has operated as department of the City of Canby since its inception in 2002. CAT provides an efficient, responsive transit services to local residents, commuters and visitors to Canby and the region.

We appreciate Representative John Davis' sponsorship of this legislation on behalf of CAT, the City of Canby and other Oregon Cities operating municipal transit service. This legislation will level the playing field for cities and other public entities that take on the responsibilities of operating a public transit service.

Under the current statute (ORS 291.405 – 291.407) the Oregon Department of Administrative services collects an amount equal to 0.6% of payroll tax for state agencies operating inside the boundary of a mass-transit district and distributes the funds to the districts for public transit services for state employees. Currently, Transit agencies operated by cities are not included in the statute. The proposed legislation corrects this oversight. Which will result in equitable treatment of public transit agencies operated by cities.

Although we are not aware of a State agencies operating within the CAT service area at this time the proposed legislation provides us equity should a State agency chose to locate with the CAT boundaries.

On behalf of the City of Canby and CAT, I respectfully request a DO-PASS vote on HB 2236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Wehling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Wehling
City of Canby, Transit Director