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Senator Mark Hass, Chair  
Senator Brian Boquist, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue  
Oregon State Capital  
900 Court Street NE  
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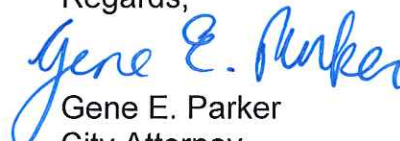
Re: Senate Bill 967

Dear Senators Hass and Boquist:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Senate Bill 967 which is scheduled for a hearing and possible work session on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Section 3 of the proposed legislation provides for a new exemption for some real and personal property of history and science museums which are presently subject to tax. The City of The Dalles has several history and science museums located in the City. Passage of this bill in its present form could result in a reduction of property tax revenue to the City, and Wasco County, and schools and special districts located within Wasco County.

It is my understanding there will be a proposal for an interim work group to revise and improve the charitable exemption property tax provision in ORS 307.130. We support the option of having an interim work group address this issue, and urge the members of the committee not to support Senate Bill 967.

Regards,

  
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