

**Testimony by Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp
in Support of HB 4065-1:**



**Amended Proposed Legislation Avoids Burdening
Local Governments with Arduous Procedures and
Unfunded Mandate as Collection Agency for State**

For Public Hearing Scheduled on Feb 4, 2016, Before the
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

To Chair Fagan, Vice Chairs Buehler and Rayfield, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Wilsonville opposes HB 4065 as introduced, and supports proposed amended version HB 4065-1.

As originally proposed, the legislation would create new cumbersome procedures for local government contracting agencies and advance an unfunded mandate on local governments to act in a “collection agency”-type role on behalf of State agencies without compensation for services rendered.

For example, in 2015 the City of Wilsonville issued 85 contracts to 75 different contractors. It is unreasonable to require the many departments of 242 cities, 36 counties and dozens of districts to determine that a specific given contractor appears on a list. Given how businesses can operate under various assumed business names and change business entity structure or name, consulting a list is an unrealistic remedy that may offer no real benefit and require inordinate time and effort, all of which cost local government resources. Furthermore, as originally proposed, the bill would have placed the City in a position of potential liability should a business be mistakenly listed as a ‘debtor.’

As originally proposed, the legislation would create an unfunded mandate for local government by requiring that the city act in a collection agency-type role on behalf of State agencies; *see Section 2*.

The -1 amendment clarifies that the legislation applies only to “State” agencies, and not local governments. The City of Wilsonville respectfully urges a “Do NOT Pass” vote on HB 4065 as introduced and supports HB 4065-1. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Knapp".

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville