Testimony by Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp in Support of SB 4067-1 Amendments:

Amended Proposed Legislation Maintains Attorney-Client Privilege While Offering "Whistle-Blower" Protections



For Public Hearing Scheduled on Feb. 9, 2016, Before the House Committee on Judiciary

To the Honorable Chair Barker, Vice Chairs Lininger and Olson, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Wilsonville supports the -1 amendments to SB 4067. The City's concerns with the bill as originally introduced focused on maintaining the very important attorney-client privilege relationship between attorneys and their client public and nonprofit organizations.

City attorneys want city officials and staff to speak openly and candidly about issues of concern. Elected officials and staff should be encouraged to raise concerns and issues with counsel without fear that any communication may be reported to the Oregon Ethics Commission. The -1 amendments clarify that attorney-client privilege is maintained.

The City of Wilsonville respectfully urges a "Do Pass" vote on the amended SB 4067-1. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Knapp, Mayor City of Wilsonville