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Chair Greenlick, Members of the Committee:

For the record, I'm Stacy Michaelson, Health and Human Services Policy Manager for the Association of Oregon Counties. As you are likely aware, Oregon's counties have statutory responsibility for acting as the local public health authority. As such, our county boards take issues affecting population health very seriously.

It is generally accepted that clean air policies have been a major public health win, protecting untold numbers of non-smokers from the harmful impacts of secondhand smoke. From protecting children in vehicles to servers in bars and restaurants, Oregon has made great strides in legislation aimed at reducing exposure to secondhand smoke. In addition to work at the state level, tobacco prevention is also a key element of local public health work. Recognizing the impact that secondhand smoke can have on an individual's health, counties support strong clean air policies for the protection of their citizens.

For this reason, we appreciate the aim of HB 3345. Clarifying Indoor Clean Air Act policies as related to multi-unit housing is a particularly timely conversation as we engage in a statewide conversation about housing and issues of health and equity. Additionally, expanding the setback for smoking in public areas further promotes strong policy and the move that many have made to tobacco-free campuses.

As your local public health authorities, counties across the state are working to improve the health of their communities through local policies and budgetary investments. The work that happens at the legislative level can be a great tool to help strengthen our local work. I urge your support of HB 3345 and strong Indoor Clean Air Act policies.

Thank you.