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TO: Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Education
Attn: Co-Chairs Senator Rod Monroe and Representative Barbara Smith Warner
FROM: City of Springfield Mayor Christine Lundberg
DATE: 04.14.17
RE: Testimony in Support of SB5524

Testimony Content

Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education,

As the Mayor of Springfield, I am in support of SB 5524 and the funding of higher education. There are two areas of particular interest to Springfield; Oregon Solutions and the Forest Research Lab at Oregon State University.

Oregon Solutions:

First, I would like to tell you about the positive experience that my community has had working with Oregon Solutions; and, to express my support for Oregon Solutions and its partner program Oregon Consensus, the agreement seeking/mediation service. These programs have helped Oregonians reach consensus on some of our most difficult public issues and leveraged commitments through collaborative efforts to complete community priorities.

As a gubernatorial appointed co-convener of the Springfield Manufactured Home Park Solutions Collaborative, I lead a project team. The City of Springfield, along with state and federal partners, engaged Oregon Solutions and a neutral facilitation process to develop a housing and social service assistance response which is coordinated and ready for implementation. A formal action plan and "tool kit" enable a jurisdiction faced with notice of park closure to provide relocation options, such as a "decision tree" that would help local communities understand what opportunities might be available to improve or replace homes or park infrastructure, to move homes to new sites, or to provide assistance in relocation or housing searches for park residents. The residents served by this are among Oregon's most vulnerable populations; and, the project tools developed can serve any community in Oregon. The project concluded with the signing of a Declaration of Cooperation memorializing the commitments made by the participants and identify how best to align resources in order to proceed.

I can attest that Oregon Solutions has been extremely effective in addressing the needs of our community, and developing tools that can benefit Oregonians throughout the state. I appreciate that the legislature recognizes the significance of this program and hope they will continue to be supported.

Forest Research Laboratory:

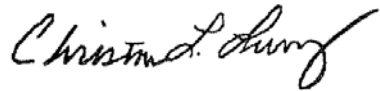
Additionally, the Forest Research Laboratory at Oregon State University is tremendously important to the future success of the advanced wood products industry, a high priority in the Springfield community. Springfield is a leader in the promotion of Cross Laminated Timber (CLT). We have a fully designed timber parking structure that was the focus of the Governor's keynote address at her Mass Timber Summit on March 27. And we continue to support the expanded

testing and use of advanced timber. It is my priority that sustainable timber jobs remain a part of Springfield's economy.

We fully support the partnership between Oregon State University and the University of Oregon that launched the Tallwood Design Institute housed at the OSU College of Forestry. The Institute brings together a one-of-a-kind collaboration that includes the top forestry, wood products and sustainable design programs in the U.S. to focus on development of innovative wood products and building components capable of being produced in Oregon. It is my hope that this important work will continue to receive adequate funding.

Thank you for providing an opportunity to highlight these priorities for the Springfield community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christine Lundberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Christine Lundberg
Springfield, Oregon