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Chair Representative Phil Barnhart and House Committee on Revenue;  
I am Alan Unger, former Deschutes County Commissioner; former Chair, Central Oregon Area Commission on transportation and former Vice Chair, Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council.

COIC is our council of governments. Its board is mainly elected representation from our 8 cities and 3 counties. COIC provides services that we are responsible for like workforce training, federal economic lending and transit operations. COIC operates under ORS190 statute. This statute talks about transit funding but the language is not clear with respect to transit. HB2745 is a fix for this governance issue. It allows COIC to assist local government in funding and operating locally-enhanced transit operations when desired and supported by their communities.

Regional collaboration is the Central Oregon Way. We are three counties encompassing almost 8,000 square miles with cities about 20 miles apart, mostly rural with Bend the major urban center. A one size solution of a transit district does not work. What Bend needs is different than what Madras needs. Transit needs are different for every city.

HB2745 is supported by all 8 cities, local chambers of commerce, school districts, and many other civic-minded stakeholder groups. We all want to work through COIC, our council of governments to manage our transit system. Please support our request. Please support HB2745. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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