



May 12, 2017

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and
Members of the Capital Construction Subcommittee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Subcommittee:

The Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) and the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) would like to express our support for SB 5505. Many of our members are responsible for treating wastewater and storm water. We support this measure because it provides funding for a critical program and an important project that will impact water quality in our state.

The bill will provide funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). This program provides low-cost loans for the planning, design and construction of various water pollution control activities. Any public agency in Oregon is eligible for a CWSRF loan. Eligible public agencies include tribal nations, cities, counties, sanitary districts, soil and water conservation districts, irrigation districts and various special districts and certain intergovernmental entities.

We are also supportive of DEQ's efforts to replace their old and antiquated computer system. Replacing their current system with an Environmental Data Management System (EDMS) will assist the department in better meeting the needs of waste water treatment providers throughout the state by making reporting, permitting and inspecting more efficient. As a result, we expect that the new system will save permittees and the agency time and money and will likely result in better water quality outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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