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Chair Keny-Guyer, members of the committee, my name is Douglas Schmidt and I am the Polk County Assessor testifying on behalf of the Oregon State Association of County Assessors (OSACA). At this time, OSACA is Neutral on HB 2377.

Since the Public Hearing and Work Session on April 6th, Representative Brock Smith has been working with Assessors to address some of the concerns we expressed in the April 6th hearing.

A main issue Assessors had was requiring us to determine the “area median income”, determining the rents allowed on the property and notification of the owner or lessee each year. The governing body has as much access, or more, to the income information as the assessor’s offices and should be responsible for doing all processing on the applications with only a notification to the assessor that the property qualifies for the exemption.

Another issue was the original bill and the -2 amendment did not have a date by which the governing body would notify the assessor the exemption was granted.

With the -3 amendment, both of these concerns have been addressed.

Assessors believe we can implement and administer this bill, with the -3 amendment, efficiently and effectively.

Thank you.