

TO: Members of the Senate Rules Committee
FROM: Hasina E. Squires, Special Districts Association of Oregon
DATE: June 5, 2017
RE: **Testimony in Support of House Bill 2873 A**

Members of the Senate Rules Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2873 A on behalf of the Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO). Our association was formed in 1978 and our membership consists of approximately 950 special service districts that provide a range of services (including but not limited to water, wastewater, irrigation, parks and recreation, 9-1-1 and rural fire protection) statewide to citizens who reside within cities and in unincorporated communities.

As part of a service to our association members SDAO compiles election results for each May and November election. These results include a summary of all county, city, school, and special district measures including: general obligation bonds, local option levies, district formations, advisory votes, ordinance referrals etc. In order to accomplish this task our association has to individually contact all 36 county clerks and request copies of the SEL 801s that governments complete and return to the county clerk in order to place a measure on the ballot. The SEL 801 allows us to obtain the ballot title, summary and explanatory statement all in one place (see attached).

HB 2873 A takes a small step in the right direction to increase access to information about tax measures on the ballot by requiring the county clerk to submit local option levies and general obligation bond information into the OreStar system where it can be easily obtained.

It is our hope that at some point in the future, in addition to these two types of taxing district measures, that all local measures that appear on the ballot will be included in the OreStar reporting system. Furthermore, it is our hope that OreStar will contain all the information provided in the SEL 801 under the provisions of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. SDAO encourages your support of HB 2873 A. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding SDAO's position on this measure.

Notice of Measure Election County

SEL 801

rev 01/16: ORS 250.035, 250.041,
250.175, 254.103, 254.465

Notice

Date of Notice

Name of County or Counties

Date of Election

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the county governing body; or

→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached?

Yes

No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

Name

Title

Mailing Address

Contact Phone

By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and

→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

Date Signed