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Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Committee:

This is written to testify in support of a portion of HB 4060, regarding Section 21, Public Transportation Services.

The City of Canby operates Canby Area Transit (CAT) which provides rural public transit service and is a recipient of Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 funds for the provision of public transportation in rural areas.

We have followed closely the drafting of HB 2017 and also the ongoing rule making process. We are actively working with the other local-area transit providers and TriMet staff as the Qualified Entity moves forward to establish its committee process according to the legislation. Good progress is being made toward this end.

The City of Canby supports the proposed clarification of Section 21 to codify the principles that Tri-Met, CAT and other area transit providers are currently working under. During the initial stages of the process things appear to be moving in a positive direction. We are pleased with the effort made by everyone involved. That said, we believe that it is appropriate to state these principals in the law. Doing so will provide long-term assurance for all parties and support our mutual understanding of the legislative intent for the distribution of the new funding

The City of Canby respectfully urges a DO PASS vote HB 4060, Section 21.

Thank you for your consideration,

Julie Wehling

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