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CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON

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Senator Hass, Chair
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
900 Court Street NE, HR A
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 2504

Dear Chair Hass and Members of the Committee,

The City of Portland supports House Bill 2504 and the work of the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC). TSCC provides important budgetary oversight for governments, large and small, throughout Multnomah County and helps ensure compliance with the State's Local Budget Law.

The TSCC plays another key role by providing local budget law training. All new employees in Portland's City Budget Office (CBO) participate in this training and have long found it valuable in understanding our role in complying with state law.

Finally, TSCC offers critical support and consultation throughout the City's budget process, including thorough review with budget committee members. CBO consistently communicates with TSCC in order to confirm proper administration of the City's budget.

The City of Portland urges your support of HB 2504. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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