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RE: House Bill 3390

Chair Holvey and members of the committee:

For the record my name is Carla Piluso and I represent House District 50, the great city of Gresham.

House Bill 3390 gives us one more tool to understand where our state's money is spent. The bill requires state agencies to report to the legislature how much money they provide to each county, and how many people are served by those funds.

We fund so many important programs and services through our counties, and with good reason. But our counties vary dramatically in size, leading to misconceptions about how state funds are distributed. Many Oregonians aren't aware that my hometown of Gresham is the fourth largest city in the state. Fewer know that Gresham's population alone is larger than 27 of Oregon's 36 counties. That information might change how we view some of our budget decisions.

It's a simple and important question: how many people are being served? But that isn't always how we talk about funding in this building. And it is not easy for the public to obtain that information and hold us accountable.

House Bill 3390 adds an extra measure of accountability to how our money is being spent. I urge your support.

Sincerely,

Carla C. Piluso

Oregon State Representative, House District 50