

Testimony Before the Joint Committee on Transportation Relating to Support of HB 4103 February 4, 2020

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Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair McKeown, Vice-Chair Boquist, and Vice Chair Noble and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Oregon's 242 cities, the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) supports HB 4103. In addition, LOC supports -2 and -3 amendments, which provide a technical fix and expand the use of this speed setting tool to Lane and Multnomah counties.

The League and its members supported this legislative concept during the 2019 session and appreciate the work of ODOT and the bill sponsors bringing an improved bill forward for 2020.

HB 4103 creates a structured process between a willing or interested local government and ODOT to evaluate speed setting authority within a structured process.

Since this legislation provides a process that cities or in the case of the two counties may chose to trigger there is no mandate, and that becomes a principle value of this legislation for the LOC.

Livability and safety remain a very important part of what all cities envision for their communities. Passage of HB 4103 adds to important tools for improving community and neighborhood safety and livability.

The League of Oregon Cities is requesting your support of HB 4103.