



Date: February 4, 2010

To: Joint Committee on Transportation

From: Clackamas County Business Alliance

RE: Please Support HB 4150: Establishing the Willamette Falls Locks Authority

Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

The Clackamas County Business Alliance (CCBA) is a non-profit association of business and community members that are committed to the economic strength of Clackamas County. CCBA directly affects policy making by leveraging the strengths of the public and private sectors to ensure the economic vitality of Clackamas County.

CCBA supports HB 4150 which Establishes Willamette Falls Locks Authority as public corporation. Reopening the Locks connects the lower and upper portions of the Willamette River, a key transportation resource in the event of a Cascadia earthquake, contributing to the region's resiliency and emergency preparedness. It will also enhance revitalization opportunities for riverfronts in cities including West Linn, Oregon City, Wilsonville and Newberg.

CCBA respectfully requests the committee support HB 4150 and commends Co-Chair Beyer and Co-Chair McKeown and the committee for giving this legislation due consideration in service to your constituencies and Oregonians across the state.

Sincerely,

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