



CITY OF GRESHAM

February 10, 2020

House Committee on Health Care
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Se. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Concerns with HB 4016-3

Dear Chair Salinas and Members of the Committee:

I write to express the City of Gresham's concerns with HB 4016-3. The -3 Amendment appears focused on a complicated, broad-ranging issue with a simplistic solution, the impacts of which could significantly impact local government emergency response. The City of Gresham is interested in working with the amendment sponsors and proponents to carefully work through these details and prepare legislation for a future session.

Specifically, the wide-sweeping preemption language in Sec. 2 of the -3 amendment is very concerning. Rather than broadly preempt local authority, we urge the Legislature to convene the interested parties to work through the balance of industry and public safety providers to develop a more rational approach.

The creativity laid out in the innovation program, described in Sec. 1 of the -3 amendment could be a great partnership between the State and local government service providers. However, as drafted, the preemption language is an over-reaching blunt approach, and there is too much uncertainty about the how the bill would impact service-delivery. We urge the Legislature to work with partners to consider this issue in the interim, and consider it again during a longer legislative session.

Sincerely,

Eric Chambers
Government Relations Director