



CITY OF GRESHAM

February 21, 2020

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

Re: Testimony on HB 4001-7

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

I write regarding HB 4001 and the proposed -7 amendments. We deeply appreciate the opportunity local government has had to work with Speaker Kotek in refining HB 4001. The current version of the bill meaningfully addresses the questions and issues we raised, and we are grateful for being given the opportunity to work towards a solution that works at the local level.

As drafted, the -7 amendment allows local governments to ensure the health and safety of residents, while still allowing for an expedited, streamlined process for siting emergency shelter. In addition to these provisions, and the significant funds directed by the bill, the City of Gresham urges continued state financial investment in alleviating homelessness. With necessary resources in hand, cities can be excellent partners in addressing this urgent priority.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide input on HB 4001, and for capturing much of that input in the -7 amendments.

Sincerely,

Eric Chambers
Government Relations Director