

**Testimony of Anneliese Koehler, State and Regional Affairs Advisor
Joint Interim Committee on First Special Session 2020
Support for HB 4212**

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President Courtney, Speaker Kotek and Members of the Committee,

We are writing today to urge your support for legislation that enables local governments to operate during emergencies. Local governments, including Metro, need flexibility with respect to requirements for official local government processes and decisions to enable continued government operations during an emergency related to infectious disease. This includes requirements related to public meetings, quorum and more. HB 4212 addresses many of those concerns, and we urge the Legislature to adopt this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

