



March 3, 2021

Senator Lee Beyer and Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic
Development
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Special Public Works Fun - Policy Option Package 107

Dear Co-Chair Beyer and Co-Chair Gomberg and Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on Business Oregon's valuable programs to infrastructure and economic development in Oregon. I served on the Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) Board for six years representing cities in Oregon. It was an amazing opportunity to be a part of IFA's leadership and policy role in supporting the development of infrastructure.

Infrastructure projects have become incredibly expensive and often place an affordability burden on our communities in order to deliver safe, high quality water and wastewater services. The Special Public Works Fund plays a critical role in maintaining the vitality and affordability of our Oregon communities. Business Oregon has been very creative in supporting applicants in obtaining packages of funding to meet their needs. These low interest loans are particularly important for our rural communities that have been hit especially hard during the pandemic and from the devastating wildfires this past year.

The City of Hillsboro would like to express support for Policy Option Package 107 and providing \$50 million in lottery funding to the Special Public Works Fund.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Niki Iverson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Niki Iverson
Water Director
City of Hillsboro