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DATE: March 8, 2021TO: Joint Committee on TransportationFROM: Jill Rolfe, Coos County Planning Director

RE: Testimony in support of SB466

Co-Chairs Senator Beyer and Representative McLain thank you for this opportunity to provide support for SB466. Towing of vehicles, especially Recreational Vehicles, is a burden on County's General Fund. Often there is not enough funding to due to the cost associated disposing these specific types of vehicles.

After reviewing the this bill it appears that SB466 is modeled after the Washington State Law (<u>RCW, Title 46, Chapter 46.53</u>) put into place in 2018. In Coos County Code Enforcement is handled through the Planning Department in partnership with the Sheriff's Department. This bill would help with code enforcement issues and provide additional tools local and state governments regarding paying for towing cost.

If there was another revenue stream available for this type of activity the County would use it but there just isn't enough funding available to address this issue. Often the RV's do not have a current registration and tracking down the last owner is costly and a time burden on staff that is already handling so many other enforcement issues on top of other duties.

Please support this bill moving forward to help provide an additional tool to local governments to address this very important issue.

Please let me know if you any questions.

Gill Rolfe