

Testimony in Opposition of HB 4063

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Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair WLnsvey Campos, Vice-Chair Morgan, and members of the Committee, on behalf Oregon's 241 cities the League of Oregon Cities is opposing HB 4063 as written.

This bill has received considerable attention from many of our cities who are concerned about possible confusion between HB 2306 in 2019, which established criteria for substantial completion and possible adjustments being made under HB 4063.

There are also several implementation concerns associated with the requested changes in HB 4063. Another factor to consider has to do with implementing the 2019 legislation under nearly two years of a pandemic where service delivery for local governments and priority setting has been flipped upside down. I'm not convinced it's a fair comparison.

What I can offer at this time is that LOC along with several other interests and members are trying to find some language to amend HB 4063. We appreciate the work that Rep. Morgan has put into this bill and want to keep working toward a solution that could be implemented.