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Senator Beyer, Chair
Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Oregon State Legislature

Re: Support for SB 1559

Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium (MMC) represents the mayors of 25 cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. The MMC writes to express support for SB 1559, which would eliminate an unnecessary reporting form for the taxation of floating homes.

In Oregon, floating homes and mobile homes are taxed as personal property rather than real property. Since floating homes are considered personal property, floating homeowners are required to fill out a personal property form that must be both received and returned by mail, and significant financial penalties are imposed if the form is returned late. Mobile homes have already been exempted from the requirement to file this personal property tax form, and SB 1559 would simply provide the same exemption to floating homes. The bill would not otherwise change how floating home taxpayers are assessed and taxed, but it would eliminate an unnecessary reporting requirement for floating homeowners in MMC cities.

The mayors of the MMC urge the committee's support for SB 1559 and appreciate the efforts made by the Oregon Legislature to increase the simplicity of the taxation process for some of our residents. Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

The Mayors of the MMC