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**SUPPORT: HB 4060**

Chair Helm, Vice-Chair McLain, and members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, and Water:

Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) strongly supports HB 4060 to increase coordination and technical support across agencies and with local communities who lack capacity to access federal funding opportunities for Oregon.

RCAC is a nonprofit technical assistance and training organization dedicated to improving the lives of rural and Tribal communities and individuals throughout the West. RCAC provides on-site support and training to rural water and wastewater staff and boards to help build, finance, operate and manage systems, and provides solid waste management technical assistance and training.

With the newly passed Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Oregon can apply for EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund funding in addition to what the state receives annually. EPA indicated that \$23.6 million will be available to Oregon in 2022 with increasing amounts for four years thereafter.

This is a once-in-a-generation investment and historic opportunity to advance Oregon's water infrastructure improvement needs and to provide clean drinking water to our most vulnerable community members. However, without proper coordination, outreach and ability between agencies, organizations and communities to seize this opportunity, Oregon may be challenged to build the additional capacity needed to compete for these new dollars. HB 4060 would support and improve these necessary efforts to access federal funding and to ensure that the funding is distributed equitably so that no Oregonians are left behind.

RCAC thanks you for the opportunity to support this legislation and we look forward to continuing to work with Oregon's rural and Tribal communities. Thank you for your consideration of HB 4060. If you have any questions, please email me at [aneumann@rcac.org](mailto:aneumann@rcac.org).

Sincerely,

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