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Senator Kathleen Taylor, Chair
Senate Committee on Labor and Business
900 Court Street NE, HR A
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Taylor and Members of the Committee,

The City of Portland supports SB 1565 with the -3 amendment, particularly the equity-focused outcomes in the bill. Staff reviewed the bill across multiple City functions that interact with public payment for services. Most city bureaus are positioned to implement the bill and support its purpose to serve low-income, unhoused, undocumented, and unbanked members of our community. We have a responsibility to every member of our community to make City services and programs accessible, regardless of payment method.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation identified an implementation issue with the introduced version of SB 1565. The City's on-street and off-street parking pay stations accept coins, but do not accept bills. After the initial review of the SB 1565 there was concern about compliance with requirements of the base bill. However, we believe the acceptance of coins for parking payment is within the spirit of this legislation. We are appreciative to Senator Prozanski for requesting the -3 amendment to resolve this issue.

We agree that places of public accommodation, like the services provided by the City of Portland, should not limit access to people who do not have bank accounts or credit cards. We urge your support of SB 1565 with the -3 amendment. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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