

HB 2199 Testimony in support on behalf of AOC- Association of Oregon Counties

House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business

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Dear Chair Bynum, Vice Chair Morgan, Vice Chair Nguyen and members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Small Business:

My name is Anna Braun with Dalton Advocacy on testifying on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties. **AOC strongly supports HB 2199.** 

HB 2199 extends enterprise zones out for an additional 10 years. Enterprise zones are proven and valuable community development tools. Counties use enterprise zones and to attract and retain businesses and ultimately grow their tax base when the incentives expire. AOC has long supported enterprise zones as a tried-and-true economic development tool that allows local governments to use their own property tax revenue to spur job creation – 30 of Oregon's 36 counties are currently zone sponsors.

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Thank you.

Anna Braun

On behalf of AOC Governance, Revenue and Veterans subcommittee