



OREGON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ASSESSORS

Date: March 7, 2023

To: Joint Subcommittee On General Government

Re: OSACA Support for Senate Bill 5502

Co-Chair Deb Patterson, Co-Chair Greg Smith and Members of Committee:

On behalf of the Oregon State Association of County Assessors, I write today in support of Senate Bill 5502.

Of specific interest in this bill is POP #127 Oregon Statewide Imagery Program. This policy option package would provide a very much needed \$1,600,000 to support aerial imagery.

Aerial imagery has been extremely valuable to all levels of government in providing services to the citizens in the state Oregon both in normal times and times of emergency. In addition to the daily services we perform, aerial imagery has been very effective in providing damage assessments after the natural disasters that occur. Consider the value of a picture of what exists at a point in time and post disaster imagery providing the ability to compare the changes. The same imagery also provides great value for post emergency reporting for funding and recovery efforts.

In short, aerial imagery helps government to be accurate, efficient, and effective in providing services to our citizens.

Sincerely,

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