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Chairman Prozanski
Senate Judiciary Committee
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Salem, OR 97301

RE: Eugene Support for SB 910

Good afternoon Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Committee Members, I am Ethan Nelson the City of Eugene's Intergovernmental Relations Manager here today speaking on behalf of the city in support of SB 910, which clarifies language in SB 1565 (2022) regarding payment types and also adds an additional exemption for certain parking pay stations from requirement to accept both coins and currency as payment.

During the 2022 legislative session, SB1565 passed and became effective in June 2022, and was focused on expanding equity in payment for services and goods by requiring cash options. This bill came at a time when many municipalities had instituted new 'touchless' payment options for city services, including parking. Additionally, over the course of the pandemic and tight employment market for the past few years, the city of Eugene invested in new automatic payment kiosks at our parking facilities, rather than the previous staff pay kiosks. This operational shift has provided cost savings for the city, but also helped us to provide consistent service to our customers. Many of our pay stations were installed prior to the passage of SB 1565.

Included in the material submitted on OLIS, I share more details on the operational elements at the Eugene Airport and across our Parking Services garages and on-street parking. This bill would make a minor clarification by amending the exemption sub section item (t) to clarify that on-street and off-street parking pay stations that can accept either coins or currency as one method of payment. And add a new item (u) stating that "On-street and off-street parking pay stations that do not accept coins or currency, provided that access to another pay station that accepts coins or currency as payment for the parking is made readily available to patrons."

My colleagues from the City of Portland and Port of Portland will share their insights, as well as the potential small amendment that we are looking at to create more clarity within the proposed item U.

Thank you for your time and please support SB 910.