

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

House Committee on Revenue

Public Hearing April 4, 2023

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice- Chair Walters and members of the House Committee on Revenue:

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 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.

Please vote yes on HB 2199.

Thank you.

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On behalf of AOC Governance, Revenue and Veterans steering committee