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DATE: April 25, 2023
TO: Joint Committee on Transportaton
FROM: Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager
RE: HB 3556, relating abandoned recreational vehicles

Dear Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County wishes to express our support of HB 3556. We are thankful you are holding a Public Hearing on this important issue.

Lane County has been identified as one of the regions in this state which has seen a greater than 50% increase in the population that are identified as houseless. Recreational vehicles often serve as a stop-gap measure for those individuals from becoming completely homeless, and we are aware there are efforts ongoing in this session to make recreational vehicles more allowable as temporary homes. We also recognize that in certain cases these vehicles are easy to abandon when they break down, are no longer able to withstand the elements, or have otherwise become contaminated with hazardous materials.

We appreciate that stakeholders have recognized that Oregon needs new policy to ensure that recreational vehicles can be appropriately disposed of when they have become a nuisance. We find it important that HB 3556 continues to provide a great deal of attention to ensuring that an RV has indeed become abandoned, and provides easy to access procedures whereby a person with a bonafide interest in the vehicle can reclaim the vehicle prior to disposal.

We support the concept of a registration fee to cover the costs of the removal, disposal, and reclaiming procedures contained in the dash two amendment. We would ask that the Committee give greater consideration as to where vehicles that have been removed from public and private locations are temporarily stored. As currently worded, the temporary storage issue appears unworkable in more rural locations particularly. We also note that the bill does not address situations where some rural properties have become defacto junk yards for older and unusable RV's. We hope the Committee may be able to help address what is becoming a more regularly received complaint in rural locations.

Lane County will continue to monitor the advancement of this important issue.

SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY ALEX CUYLER