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Written Testimony before the House Rules Committee regarding Senate Bill 1068

Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf, and
Representatives Nosse, Scharf, Valderrama, and Wallan,

The Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) appreciates the opportunity to comment on SB 1068, which authorizes board of directors of rural fire protection districts to annex property into their districts.

OACC does not have any opposition to the underlying bill. However, the bill does contain an unfunded mandate by requiring the recording of liens at no charge.

If the bill passes as written, counties will not be paid for the expense of recording those liens, and the state will not receive revenues from the recording of those liens, including disbursements to support assessment and taxation, the land information system, and affordable housing, each of which are funded, in part, by proportionate shares of the recording fee. It is difficult to estimate how much revenue loss will occur, or how much the unfunded mandate will cost, as that depends entirely upon how many liens would be recorded under this legislation.

OACC was not asked by LFO to provide a fiscal impact estimate, but we did provide information to the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) that indicates there will be a fiscal and a revenue impact - although indeterminate - for the reasons stated above. We are not sure why the analysis posted on OLIS does not so indicate.

If the Committee desires to move this bill, OACC would urge the Committee to amend the bill to remove the unfunded mandate and revenue losses by removing Sections 2(5)(a) and (6)(c).

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 1068. As always, the County Clerks stand ready to assist as needed.