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Chair Senator Aaron Woods
Chair Representative David Gomberg
Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development

RE: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee of Ways and Means, Main Agency Budget Bill: SB 5524

Dear Chair Woods and Chair Gomberg:

Please accept this letter of support regarding the Business Oregon, 2023-25 Budget as presented in Main Agency Budget Bill: SB 5524. The Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments has 44 member governments to include Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties as well as the Cities and Special Districts located within. We advocate for the success of these members and SB 5524 and the Budget of Business Oregon are critical to their success to provide Community and Economic Development opportunities foe the over 541,000 Oregonians who live, work, and play in our Region.

As a COG, we work with the staff at Business Oregon on behalf of our member local governments to best align opportunities with the needs that exist. We are proud of our excellent working relationship with the Business Oregon Staff and support their budget as it assists the many needs of the local governments in our Region.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the Business Oregon 23-25 Budget request as found in SB 5524

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Cc: Representative Kevin Mannix
MWVCOG Board of Directors