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House Committee on Revenue

Oregon State Capitol

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RE: Testimony in support of HB 4072

Chair Nathanson, Co-Chairs Reschke & Walters and Members of the Committee,

As a long-term member of the Salem Community and a former City Councilor, I know the benefits and costs of having the state Government located in our fair city. While we certainly benefit from having the state jobs located in Salem, having a city budget based on property taxes puts us at a disadvantage when prime properties in Salem are taken off the tax rolls as happens with properties owned by the State of Oregon.

It would be worth having DAS look at what percentage of State employees live in Salem. As a member of Salem's alternative revenue task force, we are tasked with looking at different avenues for having Salem residents pay more to support the services enjoyed and, in some cases, required by the State of Oregon.

A payment in lieu of property taxes is the fairest way for the State of Oregon to meet Salem Residents halfway in closing the Funding gap. Thank you for your time and consideration.