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House Committee on Revenue
900 Court Street NE
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Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Walters and Reschke, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the City of Portland, I am writing today to express support for House Bill 4072. Across Oregon, cities are struggling to meet the needs of their communities as expenses grow and property tax revenues shrink due to the impacts of Measure 5 and 50. While HB 4072 will only compensate the City of Salem for services delivered to state-owned and operated properties – of which they have many – the overall concept is an important one for all cities. While Salem is perhaps the most extreme example, small and large cities across the state are delivering basic safety services to state owned properties without any compensation.

For this reason, we applaud and thank Rep. Andersen for calling out the needs of cities as we strive to do more with less. We hope this legislation, combined with the legislature's focus on funding infrastructure that cities deliver to support housing development, will help to elevate the important role that cities play in our communities and the financial challenges they face.

Please vote yes on HB 4072 to recognize the important services the City of Salem delivers to the State of Oregon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sam Chase
Director