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February 13, 2025

House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade
Chair Nguyen, Vice Chairs Diehl, and Isadore
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2018 – City of Madras Fix

Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the public hearing on HB 2018. I support this legislation as it addresses a problem encountered by the City of Madras after they received an affirmative vote in the 2024 Session to send dollars to address housing needs in their community.

As often happens when the legislature does great things, there are hiccups in the process. HB 2018 addresses such a hiccup as the projects were clearly approved in the 2024 Session, but the city is unable to receive the funds due to how the funds flow from one bucket of money to the next. Thus, the City of Madras has not been able to receive their anticipated dollars to move the housing project forward. It is vitally important the state assist our rural communities to help get housing built and made available in the marketplace. These projects are a prime example of the need for assistance in getting infrastructure in place for housing to be developed.

I ask you to support HB 2018 to help get the previously approved dollars where they are needed and anticipated. I look forward to helping push this legislation through Ways and Means as well.

Thank you for your consideration and support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vikki Breese-Iverson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson