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House Committee on Rules
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Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Pham and Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland, I am writing to express support for HB 2069 with the -1 amendment. The City of Portland's Office of Government Relations houses the City's Tribal Relations Program, which exists to promote culturally grounded relationships and informed decision making through government-to-government relations with Tribal governments.

HB 2069-1 will expand the Task Force on Tribal Consultation that was established via HB 3173 in 2023 from 15 members to 17 and will require the task force to produce a report that includes recommendations for future legislative needs. Enhancing current practices to guarantee effective consultation with Oregon's sovereign tribal governments is crucial, and agency representatives must fully understand what defines meaningful consultation.

The legislative recommendations that will come from this task force will allow the State to make more informed decisions about tribal consultation in the future and enact improved processes when consulting with Tribes. Moreover, these recommendations will undoubtedly expand the City of Portland's ability to make informed decisions and support our efforts to improve coordination and consultation with Tribal Nations.

Please pass HB 2069-1 to continue these efforts.

Sincerely,

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