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March 3, 2025

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The Honorable Representative Tran, Chair
House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans
900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Chair Tran; and Subcommittee Members,

Deschutes County
Commissioner
Anthony DeBone,

As a result of the 2020 Labor Day wildfires, the Oregon Department of Human Services began operating the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management (ODHS OREM). Since then, OREM has operated under ODHS's broad statutory responsibility to care for ODHS clients under Oregon's comprehensive emergency management plan (CEMP). HB2346 provides additional clarity on OREM's roles and responsibilities and will streamline OREM's ability to support Tribes and counties during emergencies.

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In COIC's program of work, ODHS OREM has been a critical partner, supporter, and advisor. ODHS OREM has been participating in the development of the Central Oregon Ready, Responsive, Resilient (CORE3) facility as a critical project advisor; providing expertise and guidance to the CORE3 Executive Council on matters related to mass care and social service recovery support before, during and after major emergencies and other disruptions, most notably the impending Cascadia Subduction Zone Event. As Central Oregon prepares to serve a major response and recovery role in that event, having ODHS OREM at the table is critical given their leadership role in coordinating Emergency Support Function 6: Mass Care during a major disaster.

Confederated Tribes of
Warm Springs,
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COIC is dedicated to strengthening the resilience of Central Oregon communities in the face of major emergencies and sees ODHS OREM as a critical partner to accomplish this.

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Respectfully,

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