



March 11th, 2025

House Committee on Revenue
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Testimony in Support of House Bill 3518

Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3518, which seeks to provide critical funding for Assessment and Taxation functions throughout Oregon. As the Assessor of Sherman County, I have a front row seat seeing all of the benefits that property taxes have on the multiple taxing districts in my community, including public safety, infrastructure, schools, and others. My office has the vital role to ensure the accuracy, fairness, and equitable treatment of all property tax payers that reside in Sherman County.

House Bill 3518 provides a desperate aid to support the functions of assessor offices throughout the state. This funding will ensure many offices can obtain the adequate staff to perform all required duties, improve technology to increase efficiency, and overall improve the accuracy of all public records.

I urge you to support House Bill 3518; the successful implementation of this bill will have a lasting positive impact on efficiency and effectiveness of property assessments in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Drew Messenger'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Drew Messenger
Sherman County Assessor