



Kelley Minty, County Commissioner

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 4086

Chair Nguyen, Vice Chairs Isadore and Skarlatos, and members of the Committee,

My name is Kelley Minty and I'm Chair of the Klamath County Board of Commissioners.

I strongly support House Bill 4086 because it will help Klamath County and Oregon build infrastructure, jobs, and economic resiliency.

In Klamath County, we are coming together to consider several different ideas to "Turn Waste into Wealth" including converting harmful algae from local lakes into feedstock to support agricultural fertilizer, biofuel, heating, and carbon sequestration.

So why do we need to pass House Bill 4086?

These opportunities to reduce waste and build cost effective infrastructure won't happen without the state providing a small amount of funding to help convene local stakeholders, identify opportunities to utilize waste, and complete cost estimates and feasibility studies for the most promising projects.

These conversations and collaborations across industry sectors, utilities, and agencies don't happen naturally and the state has an essential role in catalyzing industrial infrastructure projects that lower operating costs, create new income streams, and help retain and grow jobs.

The great news is that a small investment of \$225,000 in technical assistance per community will allow us to move forward to identify infrastructure opportunities to support our local economy and increase tax revenue for the state.

I urge you to pass House Bill 4086 during this short session and take this important step to strengthening Oregon's economy.

Sincerely,

Kelley Minty

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

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