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This testimony is in SUPPORT of SB 1585, setting maximum matching fund requirements for state grants awarded to small, incorporated cities for capital construction and municipal infrastructure. This bill is aimed to limit the financial burden on smaller municipalities. The financial impact of the passage of this bill is tremendous for Oregon's small rural cities. Funding shortfalls are a continuing hardship as small cities valiantly try to keep up with local and state standards and regulations, with only a small population base and therefore small funding base to meet these needs. Matching grant funds are nearly impossible to attain for small cities. Vital capital projects could include measures to ensure safe drinking water in the event of an emergency, replacing aging outdated infrastructure, among so many other critical needs. Please make this bill a priority for all of our small rural cities. Thank you.