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Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government

RE Support of SB1585 Relating to Matching Grants For Cities

Senator Meek and Esteemed Committee Members:

Lincoln City is a small city with a population just over 10,000. As a tourist destination on the coast, we see our population triple on busy summer weekends. Our infrastructure must accommodate many more than our resident population. Like so many smaller communities, we struggle to get sufficient funding for capital and infrastructure projects. While this community has been the recipient of state grants, significant needs remain.

As we focus our energies on improving housing availability state-wide and locally, those developments will rely on city infrastructure and capital projects. These are projects vital to the life, health and safety of our residents. State grants for capital construction and infrastructure would also allow us to make needed improvements that directly impact our ability to promote business development. Limiting the amount of matching funds required on these grants would allow Lincoln City to conserve already limited funds for such projects. This ultimately allows us to do more.

I would appreciate your support of SB 1585.

Sincerely,
Susan Wahlke, Lincoln City Mayor