

To: Co-Chair Pham; Co-Chair Nathanson; Members of the Joint Committee on Information Management and Technology

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RE: Testimony on HB 4055 - Seeking amendments to address concerns

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 4055.

Clean Water Services is a local government and public utility that provides sanitary sewer and stormwater services to over 600,000 residents and businesses within urbanized portions of Washington County, including within 12 cities.

We appreciate the opportunity to share several concerns with the timelines outlined in the bill and encourage the committee to work with local governments amend the bill to ensure it results in enhanced learning, transparency and improved security of critical information systems.

We echo the testimony of the Special Districts Association of Oregon, League of Oregon Cities and other local government representatives who shared their concerns during the public hearing on Friday, February 6. Despite being a larger utility and local government with a larger staffing capacity, we are concerned that the timelines in the bill (48-hours) and the -1 amendment (24-hours) may distract from more critical needs while we are working to respond to and effectively contain an incident. The timeline in the bill begins upon discovery of an incident, not upon resolution or containment. As a result, we may be required to divert staff time and resources to submit a report that describes our response and actions while that response and those actions are still in progress.

We also see value in additional conversation to map out how the information, gathered by the state through this legislation, may be used to help local governments be better prepared and equipped to prevent and respond to such events. We would also encourage a conversation between the legislature, state agencies and local governments to identify a plan to communicate any new requirements to local governments. There are over 1,000 local governments that would be subject to this requirement and effective communication and education will be necessary if this is going to be an effective policy. Finally, we concur with the League of Oregon Cities that the definition of “information security incident” may be overly broad and should include clarity to ensure that large-scale system outages are not subject to reporting requirements.

Thank you for your consideration.