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Written support for Senate Bill 1585

The City of Estacada is one of the fastest growing cities in the state. We've practically doubled our population in the last ten years and still have over 1,200 lots approved through planning to be built. We are just over 6,000 residents. This growth has caused significant strain on our infrastructure resulting in over \$72 million in projects for just water and wastewater over the next two years. On top of this are several million in transportation and parks improvements, which are pressing but not as emergent.

As a small city facing very fast growth, there is little time to plan and save for these large-scale infrastructure projects. This makes it difficult for us at times to meet a higher percentage match. The projects are necessary for the immediate growth and so cannot be delayed. This means that the city is raising utility rates to fund debt service.

Senate Bill 1585 helps small cities, like Estacada, by decreasing the necessary match percentage. This would assist many smaller cities to be able to better afford necessary infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Wagner".

Melanie Wagner

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