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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Commerce and Consumer  
Protection  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1585

Honorable Chair Sosa and Committee members,

I am writing in strong support of HB 1585, a practical solution for small communities aiming to meet crucial infrastructure needs.

As a mayor of the very small and economically disadvantaged town of Port Orford on Oregon's South Coast, I can tell you, we are working hard to find grant funding to help keep our water infrastructure operating reliably. Water is essential to public health, safety, and economy of our community—but the cost of maintaining and upgrading these systems continues to rise, while our local resources remain very limited. When we look at the infrastructure projects our community truly needs, the required matching funds quickly become a barrier we cannot overcome.

By reducing that barrier, this bill could be a true game-changer for small rural communities like mine.

Small cities certainly need more help in making critical infrastructure investments for the future. HB 1585 would be a great start, and I urge you to pass it in this session.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ann Vileisis