



February 26, 2026

Chair Sosa, Vice Chairs Chaichi & Osborne, & Committee Members
House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1585 A – Grant Matching for Cities

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) is writing in strong support of Senate Bill 1585 A (SB 1585) which lowers the grant match for cities with a population of 20,000 or fewer in seven programs. The LOC is a member organization representing all 241 cities in Oregon and this legislation would impact on 87% of our members that meet the population threshold given in this bill.

SB 1585 A would make the following programs more accessible to cities with a population of 20,000 or fewer in these key programs:

- ODOT: Safe Routes to School ORS 184.742
- ODOT: Connect Oregon ORS 367.082
- ODOT: Oregon Community Paths ORS 367.093
- Business Oregon: Special Public Works Fund – Levee Project Grant ORS 285B.420
- OPRD: Local Government Grant Program ORS 390.135
- WRD: Water Projects Planning Studies Grants ORS 541.561, and
- WRD: Water Supply Development Account Grants ORS 541.666

Access to these programs with a match that reflects the reality of local budgets is a positive step forward, and if this proves effective, we think it could serve as a model for bringing in other local government entities.

We respectfully urge the committee's support and thank you for your time and consideration.

Many thanks,
Michael Martin, Lobbyist