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To:	Chair Dexter, Vice Chairs Gamba and Breese-Iverson, Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
From:	Association of Oregon Counties, Mallorie Roberts, legislative director
Subject:	Support House Bill 4099

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) in support of House Bill 4099, the Municipal Development Protection Program.

AOC is a non-partisan member organization that advocates on issues that unite county governing bodies and have an impact on county functions, governance, budgets, and public services.

AOC and counties are committed to working with our state and local government partners to meet our shared housing goals. Two longstanding AOC principles related to our housing development priorities are to 1) protect and enhance state investments and partnerships to help develop, improve, and maintain critical community infrastructure, and 2) protect and enhance counties' tools that support local infrastructure, such as System Development Charges (SDCs).

House Bill 4099 meaningfully supports those principles and furthers our shared housing development goals by allowing local governments to defer SDCs with the protection of transferring the financial risk of deferral, which most counties cannot bear, to the state.

AOC is grateful to Representative Gamba for introducing this concept and urges the committee's support of House Bill 4099 and the -1 amendment.