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Representative David Brock Smith – Chief Sponsor
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Representative E. Werner Reschke – Chief Sponsor
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Salem, Oregon 97301

Representative Carl Wilson – Regular Sponsor
900 Court St. NE, H-390
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support of HB 3435

Dear Representatives,

On behalf of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners and Oregon counties, we are writing to express our thanks for your sponsorship and support of House Bill 3435, which authorizes dollars in county road funds to be loaned to other taxing districts within the county, pursuant to a legally binding intergovernmental agreement or loan agreement.

Ordinarily, the federal forest reserve moneys are split 25% for schools and 75% for the county road funds. SB 808 B of the 2007 session enabled Douglas and Lane Counties to use monies described in ORS 294.060(1), for patrolling county roads by law enforcement officials until January 2, 2014. In the 2011 session SB 443 extended the sunset to January 2, 2016. HB 5175 A of the 2012 session made the language applicable to (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, and Linn) bringing the total to seven counties. This allowed the federal money to be loaned by the rest of the counties to road patrols, but specifies that it needs to be budgeted and payable in three years after the end of the current year or the current budget. The bill is permissive (enabling) legislation and does not impact state funds.

We believe the passage of House Bill 3435 will be beneficial to all counties within the state especially those rural counties not currently covered under the above-mentioned House and Senate Bills.

Sincerely,

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on

4-27-17 by Board Order

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Stan Primozech, Chair


Mary Starrett, Vice-Chair


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