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Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of House Committee On Revenue:

RE: HB 2725

Wasco County is geographically 2396 square miles of land. Our county is approximately 70 miles from the northerly border to the southern border. We routinely have SIP interest from developers spanning this entire area that include wind, solar, industrial, and data centers. Wasco County has one Port District that operates in the northern part of the County.

Wasco County welcomes the Port of The Dalles as a SIP sponsors for projects that are geographically located in the Port District. It appears that the -2 Amendment as presented would add Ports to all negotiations for SIP agreements that could be miles outside of the Port district boundaries. The addition of Ports to the negotiation process for SIP agreements that are outside of the geographic area of the Port District is not in the best interest of Wasco County and confuses and complicates the negotiation process.

This bill should include language that limits Ports as an approving body to only those projects that are within the Port District geographic boundaries. As such, we present Wasco County's opposition to HB 2725 and proposed Amendment -2 as currently written and request that this bill be modified.

cc: Rep Smith

DATED this 16th of April 2025

Wasco County

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Administrative Officer