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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness Oregon State Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support House Bill 3545A

Chair Pham and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 3545A. The Wasco County Board of Commissioners strongly supports House Bill 3545A and urges its passage to provide much needed relief to counties of the burden of tax foreclosed property with homeowners association (HOA) fees. Currently a county is required to pay HOA fees, which creates a financial strain on general fund budgets and diverts resources from critical areas of service such as public safety. This is a sound governance bill and ensures taxpayer dollars are not used to subsidize private expenses of a homeowners association.

Wasco County requests your support on HB 3545 with the proposed amendments.

Sincerely,

Scott C. Hege

Wasco County Commission Chair