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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

**To:** Chief Clerk Sekerak  
**From:** House Speaker Tina Kotek  
**Date:** April 15, 2021  
**Subject:** Vote Explanation for HB 2965

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I support funding public health modernization. Our public health infrastructure has been tested during the ongoing pandemic and now, more than ever, the legislature has a moment to fully recognize the importance of the often unseen and essential public health system in this state. After careful consideration of HB 2965, I decided to vote no for two reasons:

- First, the planning requirements are due by 2023. The legislature still has time to act and therefore, passage of HB 2965 is not urgent and broad authority is given to the Oregon Health Authority in statute to modify planning requirements.
- Second, pushing back planning dates by two full years hinders the momentum gained over this past year to push for the funding needed to fully implement these plans.

Sincerely,

State Representative Tina Kotek  
House District 44, North/NE Portland  
Speaker of the House