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As a citizen of Linn County and 20+ year in working with Building Officials, Inspectors and Plan Reviewers, I cannot support HB 4086 in its current form. By requiring the Building Official who is charged with administrative and technical enforcement of all adopted building codes to be a direct employee of a jurisdiction, the bill would create a negative impact on the jurisdiction (employees and citizens).

Most small jurisdictions don't have the need or revenue for a full time Building Official, Inspectors and/or Plan Reviewers on staff, therefore the reason they rely on the expertise of contract Certified Building Officials, Inspectors and Plans Examiners to provide efficient professional service to citizens. This is done through a model that is outlined in state law and allows them to utilize contracted building department services on the frequency and extent that communities need those services. This allows jurisdictions to keep permit fees low, promoting growth and tailor the service to the community just as many jurisdictions do with engineers, attorneys, planners and other professional services.

The language in HB 4086, should be narrowed to address only the issue of allowing a specialized building inspector to be an employee of either a public or private entity to ensure parity in the law. All language regarding the Building Official should be struck from HB 4086.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on this very important issue.

Sincerely,



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