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Chris Garrett
State Representative
District 38
House of Representatives
900 Court St NE
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Dear Representative Garrett,
The Institute for Natural Resources (INR) played a coordinating role in the Senate Bill 513 ecosystem services process, which brought together a large number of thoughtful and concerned agency people, NGOs, and stakeholders. We are pleased with the resulting report and recommendations that fed into Senate Bill 1511 and House Bill 4126, believing as we do that they represent clear direction for Oregon to continue to play a lead role nationally in bringing ecosystem services to the forefront of natural resource planning and management.

INR is engaged in multiple other research and integration efforts regarding ecosystem services, and will be well positioned to implement continuing work as specified in SB 1511 and HB 4126 if they are passed by the legislature. The provision regarding INR has no fiscal impact for two reasons: 1) We are already providing information to support the development of metrics in a general way, and 2) Before undertaking more specific research, outside funding from private or federal sources would be obtained. As with SB513, we would bring INR's own research and integrative capacity, our links to the Oregon University System's high quality natural resource and policy faculty, and our extensive data libraries, to bear on the tasks specified in the bill if it passes. We would regard these tasks and their potential broader applications as further productive work in the service of Oregon's natural resource heritage.

Sincerely,



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