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Senator Jackie Dingfelder, Chair  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
900 Court St. NE, H 453  
Salem, Oregon 97301 Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Dingfelder and Members of the Committee:

**The City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability supports Senate Bill 1511** to advance the use of ecosystem services in Oregon. The bill furthers creation of a framework for ecosystem services and is an important step forward. It builds on prior Legislative action to conserve, restore, enhance and maintain ecosystem services throughout Oregon. Most recently, in 2009, the Legislature established an Ecosystem Services Markets Working Group to "develop policies and study and propose overarching goals to guide the development of integrated ecosystem services markets in Oregon that are efficient, coordinated and designed to produce positive ecological and economic outcomes with reasonable administrative costs to all participants."

The bill reflects the Working Group's finding and recommendations for policies and actions to strengthen and implement Oregon's policy "to support the maintenance, enhancement and restoration of ecosystem services throughout Oregon, focusing on the protection of land, water, air, soil and native flora and fauna." (ORS 468.583).

The development of ecosystem credit markets in Oregon can support local and regional efforts to restore watershed health while supporting development. The City of Portland is supportive of the use of ecosystem services and would like to be involved in the development of implementation details.

Sincerely,

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Director

