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TO: The Honorable Brian Clem, Chair
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RE: HB 3098

Without taking a position on HB 3098, the department submits the following comments for the record. HB 3098 seeks to allow expanded, outright uses on 4,000 acres of land in Wasco and Jefferson counties. The property, known as the Young Life-Washington Ranch, currently allows certain youth camp activities, permitted through land use applications by Wasco County in 1999 and 2011. The department is concerned that single-purpose land use legislation does not allow the kind of detailed county review and citizen input that are built into regular land use procedures. In this case, a large and complex proposal is best dealt with by the affected county/ies under an "exceptions process", which has successfully been used to allow current operations to-date. The department is prepared to assist this process to the extent that any of the parties may desire.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide you with information about HB 3098. If committee members have questions about this testimony, I may be reached at 503-373-0050 Ext 320, or through email at Michael.Morrissey@state.or.us.