

Chair Barker, Vice Chair Barton and Rep. Bentz:

The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts strongly supports HB 4093 with the -1 amendment that coordinates efforts through the state's 45 soil and water conservation districts.

Unfortunately, our officers are at the National Association of Conservation Districts in Los Angeles through today so we are unable to attend the hearing. We wanted you to be aware of our support and the ability to better coordinate and implement sage grouse habitat planning with the assistance of HB 4093. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have a new Farm Bill in place promoting conservation programs following the Senate vote this morning.