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TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means, Sub-committee on Natural Resources

RE: Support for SB 1516A

From: Steve March, Portland OR

Co-Chairs Edwards and Unger, Members Dembrow, Thomsen, Bailey and Hanna

I would urge your support for SB 1516A. As a former resident and property owner in Western Washington County I remember the operation of the railroad from Banks to Tillamook and was sorry to see its demise and while it is not feasible to resurrect that line we can protect and preserve the right-of-way for generations of Oregonians. There are few opportunities with as much promise for economic development and access to the beauties of the Coast Range, and as a former State Representative I would urge you to seize this one. Thank you.

*Steve March*