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Members of the Committee:

I write in support of SB 131, creating a State Task Force for the Willamette Falls Navigation Canal and Locks. A number of years ago I was asked by the Governor to Chair the Oregon Solutions project dealing with the closure of the Willamette Falls Locks. After working on this project for approximately five (5) years, there is no doubt in my mind but that Willamette Falls Locks are important to our state from an economic, recreational and historical standpoint. It would be a tragedy to see them closed forever. Bringing all of the players together in a statewide task force and continuing the work on this project is our only hope of finding a way to keep the locks open. I urge the committee's support of SB 131.

Verne A Duncan  
Former Chair  
The One River Coalition,  
An Oregon Solutions Project