



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Chair McKeown and members of the committee,

I want to voice my support for HB 3027. Our family spends most of our free time hiking, biking and skiing in the Mt. Hood area. The beauty of this region is breathtaking and the variety of recreational opportunities makes it a destination not just for nearby Portlanders, but also for visitors from around the U.S. and abroad. While the recreation is world class, the infrastructure to serve the increasing numbers of visitors is not keeping up. Quality formal trailheads for both hiking and biking are essential to providing safe and reliable access, and the trails themselves require annual upkeep. The additional dedicated funding resulting from the Mt. Hood license plate will be put to good use and that will also have positive economic impacts for all of the cities and towns that surround Mt. Hood.

We all recognize Mt. Hood as an icon of our state – much like Crater Lake. Like many Oregonians, I will be quick to order the license plate when it becomes available, and will be proud show my support for this beautiful and important region.

Representative Ken Helm

