

Oregon Council Trout Unlimited

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Trout Unlimited supports HB 3013A

Chair Edwards and Committee members-

I am here representing the 2800 members of Trout Unlimited here in Oregon. Trout Unlimited is the largest coldwater conservation group in our nation with 150,000 members dedicated to protecting and restoring crucial habitat for native wild fish inhabiting our cold water streams, rivers and lakes. We also, a as a group composed of hunters and anglers, care about helping all native fish and game species which can provide opportunity for sportsmen and women to hunt and fish.

Trout Unlimited supports HB 2013A as it is an innovative idea that will provide incentive and opportunity for landowners to provide food lots for wildlife species. This will help these species have sufficient supplemental food sources which could help them survive.

This bill is a great bi-partisan innovative idea that shows that creative ideas are possible when legislators work together. This, although a small step, could help our native wildlife species.

Trout Unlimited urges a "Yes" vote on this bill and that it is sent to the Senate floor with "Do Pass" recommendation. It is a good bill designed by good people that will bring good results.

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf,

Executive Director

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