



May 21, 2015

Representative Val Hoyle  
Chair, Oregon House of Representatives, Rules Committee  
900 Court St. NE, H-295  
Salem, Oregon 97301

*Transmitted via electronic mail to hrules.exhibits@state.or.us*

Re: Olympic Resource Management Supports HB 3549

Dear Chairman Hoyle and Committee Members:

Olympic Resource Management (ORM) owns and manages approximately 190,000 acres in the Pacific Northwest including over 35,000 acres in the state of Oregon. ORM has a 150 year lineage in managing Pacific Northwest timberlands. As part of our timberland management strategy we selectively utilize the aerial application of herbicides in a legal and responsible fashion.

As a timberland owner, we understand and appreciate the significance of the frequently reported, but few incidents, of illegal application of herbicides. We see these examples as problematic from a moral, legal, and business standpoint. HB 3549 takes several significant steps to ensure that those operators who violate the law are both caught and prosecuted. More importantly, it serves to assure the public that if there is a concern that herbicides have been applied illegally, that there is an immediate response both to the public health risks as well as a swift investigation and prosecution as appropriate.

On the preventive front, HB 3549 will increase the amount of training required for operators as well as evaluating the existing buffers for water courses specifically required by federal law developed by the Environmental Protection Agency and reviewed by National Marine Fisheries Service.

Please vote to support HB 3549 as currently drafted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adrian Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a thin black rectangular border.

Adrian Miller  
Manger of Policy and Environment