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Dear Chair Edwards and Senate Committee Members:

I sit on the Deschutes Basin Work Group Steering Committee which meets monthly in Bend Oregon to work on a collaborative basis to solve water conflicts in the Deschutes River Basin. I am vitally interested in Oregon's water resource issues that support our agriculture and our fisheries.

I wish to express my support for SB 1530 which would protect water quality in Oregon and support our fisheries by regulating suction dredge mining after a five year period of agency rule making.

It is important that we all take the time for deliberative and thoughtful rule making so that this is done right the first time. Unrestricted dredge mining could have devastating consequences if it were to be permitted while the rule making process moves forward.

Thank you for your careful consideration of these issues, and I hope you will support of this important bill.

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