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Senator Dembrow and members of the Committee,

My name is Clair Klock and reside in Corbett, OR. I am a semi-retired Senior Resource Conservationist with the Clackamas SWCD.

In 18 years of rural residential and farm visits for the conservation district I have almost always inquired about the septic systems. In probably 95 percent of the visits, the owner didn't know where the system was. In most cases when looking a location, the systems had large trees, livestock heavy use areas or newer buildings over the top of what probably was the septic system.

My personal experience was when being a good conservationist, I was digging out the access to pump my septic system and my shovel went through the top of the tank. The tank was steel and looked like Swiss chees. There are literally thousand of system that are not up to the basis standard they were installed for let alone modern code.

Therefore, I urge your support of SB 1563 that authorizes Environmental Quality Commission to develop low-interest loan program for on-site septic system repairs, replacements, upgrades or evaluations.

I regret being unable to attend the hearing personally due to recovery from surgery.

Thank you for your support