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Co-Chair Senator Fred Girod  
Co-Chair Representative Tobias Read  
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

**RE: Testimony on Budget Proposals in Senate Bill 5701 -4 Amendments**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of -4 amendments to SB 5701, the 2016 Budget Rebalance bill.

The Oregon Conservation Network is a coalition of forty organizations who care deeply about natural resource issues here in Oregon. We want to express our appreciation for the hard work put into the 2016 budget rebalance that we believe distributed money fairly across the state and across Oregon's needs.

We are particularly supportive of the funding included for:

- \$705,288 to WRD for the Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Study
- \$24 million General Fund to cover the state's share of the costs for the 2015 fire season
- \$2.5 million General Fund to significantly expand Oregon's Air Toxics Program
- \$216k to DLCDC for Pre-disaster Mitigation Planning Grant
- \$704k GF and \$813k OF for the Dept. of Forestry for Procurement and Payment System Replacement
- \$230k to DEQ for Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Program Study

Thank you for your work and consideration,

Oregon Conservation Network

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