



# CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



1120 SW Fifth Avenue, Room 1000, Portland, Oregon 97204 ■ Nick Fish, Commissioner ■ Michael Jordan, Director

March 13, 2017

Senator Frederick, Co-Chair  
Representative Witt, Co-Chair  
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources  
900 Court Street, NE, Hearing Room H-174  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 5518

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Witt and Members of the Committee:

## **The City of Portland supports the proposed investment included in SB 5518 of \$10,362,251 for Portland Harbor**

The City of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) provides sewage and stormwater collection and treatment services. We protect the quality of surface and ground waters and conduct activities that plan and promote healthy ecosystems in our watersheds. The Portland City Council directed BES to be the lead agency representing the City in the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. As a steward and regulator of this important community resource, the City has a unique role in Portland Harbor. As such, the City is working with regulators, other Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) and interested parties to advocate for a path forward that cleans up Portland Harbor while protecting and balancing the interests of Portlanders.

The City is supportive of the proposed investment included in SB 5518 of \$10,362,251 to jumpstart the implementation of this important environmental work, that when completed, will result in significant statewide benefits. The harbor has cultural and historic importance to Native American Tribes and is beloved by recreational users. It is also a working harbor with local, state, regional, and national significance. It supports tens of thousands of living-wage jobs and is a West Coast gateway for international trade. The City urges your support to investing to start the cleanup of Portland Harbor.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Dan Eisenbeis at [dan.eisenbeis@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:dan.eisenbeis@portlandoregon.gov) or 503-823-6556 for more information.

Sincerely,

Michael Jordan  
Director, Bureau of Environmental Services