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The Association of Oregon Counties Supports the State Lands Budget—SB 5537

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) supports the Oregon State Lands Budget. AOC commonly interreacts with several the State Lands programs during the past two years. For example, AOC's roads program works with the Oregon Wetlands Revolving fund which facilitates mitigation banking. AOC has engaged with DSL on the east side of the state with the juniper and sage grouse issues. DSL interacts with our coastal counties by attending the Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association (OCZMA) meetings, the Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) meetings and by operating the Ocean Science Trust. DSL has also engaged AOC on the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve work as well.

AOC appreciates DSL's policy and legislative analyst staff for their reliable and timely updates on DSL actions and any potential legislation. DSL understands that AOC has a mutual interest in ongoing rulemaking and other areas of interest.

Please contact AOC staff, Mark Nystrom, with any questions on this testimony.