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FROM: Doug Heiken, Oregon Wild | PO Box 11648, Eugene, OR 97440 | 541-344-0675 | <u>dh@oregonwild.org</u> TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources DATE: 28 March 2017 **RE: HB 5010 and POP 108**

Please accept the following comments from Oregon Wild regarding HB 5010 and POP 108. Oregon Wild represents 20,000 members and supporters who share our mission to protect and restore Oregon's wildlands, wildlife and waters as an enduring legacy. Conserving Oregon's rivers is important because they provide valuable drinking water, habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms, waterbased recreation, world class scenery, and quality of life.

Oregon Wild strongly supports full funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Water Quality/Quantity Program – POP 108.

We strongly support funding for the instream flow positions, which are currently not in the Governor's Recommended Budget

We oppose any cuts to ODFW's Water Program. The program is already sorely under-funded and with increasing pressures on our state's water resources the work of the Water Program (POP 108) is more important than ever.

Please support our rivers!

Sincerely,

/s/

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