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### Trout Unlimited testimony opposing HB 2222

Chair Clem and Committee members-

My name is Tom Wolf and I am here today to represent the 3200 members of Trout Unlimited here in Oregon. My organization works on various advocacy, restoration and education methods to protect /restore wild native salmonids and their habitat. One of the best ways that we have of protecting key fish riparian habitat is our state land use planning system and especially Goal 5. Because HB 2222 would undercut key Goal 5 protection, Trout Unlimited must oppose this bill.

Goal 5 laws provide key protection for streams which flow through urban growth boundaries. Streams like the Sandy in Portland area, or Willamette in Eugene, or Deschutes in Bend have additional protection because of Goal 5 provisions within our state land use laws. These goal 5 laws protect key areas that provide refuge for young fish or are key areas which connect different areas of the river which fish pass through.

HB 2222 and its -3 amendments would open the door for opening our land use laws and weaken the fish habitat protection provisions of Goal 5. I spent several years of my life working on Goal 5 issues in Portland area and Washington county. Strong Goal 5 regulations are important for protecting streams within the urban growth in cities across our state.

HB 2222 and the -3 amendments were written with good intentions but they are unnecessary and could lead to weakening of key land use rules. Trout Unlimited, to protect key Goal 5 provisions, urges the committee to vote "NO" on HB 2222.