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## **Testimony on Senate Bill 181 to the Oregon House Revenue Committee**

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Chair Barnhart and Members of the Oregon House Revenue Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony. The Nature Conservancy respectfully request that committee members oppose Senate Bill 181. The Nature Conservancy is a global, science-based, collaborative conservation organization. The Nature Conservancy was incorporated in Oregon in 1961. We have over 50,000 supporters in Oregon, with members in every county in the state. Our staff work with a broad range of state agencies and Oregonians to accomplish our mission out of offices in Enterprise, Burns, Bend, Klamath Falls, Medford, Eugene, The Dalles and Portland. The Nature Conservancy owns 104,408 acres, in 326 tax parcels in 23 Counties in Oregon.

We appreciate the state's interest in ensuring that literary, charitable and scientific institutions with lands that received an exemption from paying property taxes are providing benefits to Oregonians. However, we urge you to vote no on SB 181. The reporting requirements in SB 181 would put a significant burden on county assessors and non-profits. And by the state's analysis, Senate Bill 181 would generate very little additional property taxes to support county services.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify against SB 181.