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Trout Unlimited testimony in support of HB 3147 before Senate
Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Chair Dembrow and Committee members-

My name is Tom Wolf and I am here representing Trout Unlimited, the nation's largest coldwater conservation group. Of big interest to Trout Unlimited is helping to research lessening the impact of hatchery salmonid on their wild counterparts. The Oregon Hatchery Research Center has been doing some great research projects and TU has been a big supporter, both now and in the past.

Therefore, Trout Unlimited supports HB 3147, which would require ODFW Director consult groups with OHRC interest before appointing people to OHRC Board. This seems like a fair bill and could help create a highly-qualified Board of Directors, with qualified candidates. This would mean that groups like Trout Unlimited, which currently has a representative on HRC Board, would continue to have input on who will be on Board. This follows up on reform that has been done in the past and will continue to help improve the ability of Hatchery Research Center to carry out top level research that would help with recovery of wild salmon, trout and steelhead.

Therefore, Trout Unlimited urges you to pass HB 3147 in the continued process to improve the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.

Sincerely,

Tom Wolf, Trout Unlimited

