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**To:** Co-Chair Girod  
Co-Chair Holvey  
Members of the Sub-Committee on Capital Construction; Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**From:** Erin Goodling

**Re:** Support for SB 5530- Section 12-14

May 18th, 2017

My name is Erin Goodling, and I am a PhD Candidate in Urban Studies at Portland State University (PSU), as well as a National Science Foundation IGERT Fellow. I am writing on behalf of the Portland Harbor Community Coalition (PHCC), an alliance of those most directly impacted by pollution in the Portland Harbor Superfund Site. PHCC members and supporters include Native Americans, Black/African Americans, immigrant and refugee groups, houseless people, North Portlanders, conservation organizations, and others. PHCC works to raise the voices of everyone, especially those most impacted by contamination in the Portland Harbor. PHCC's primary objective is to ensure that those who have suffered historically and currently will benefit from the cleanup and restoration process, rather than continue to be harmed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of **SB 5530** (section 12-14), which would 1) Create a Portland Harbor Fund at the State Treasury separate from the general fund for the purpose of funds to be appropriated to Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and 2) Issue \$10 million in state lottery bonds towards the Portland Harbor Fund that would "provide financial assistance to conduct baseline sampling to determine levels of contamination and develop design specifications for the remediation of contamination in the Portland Harbor."

I have spent the past four years conducting dissertation research in the Portland Harbor, with a focus on environmental justice issues. I strongly encourage the state – a responsible party – as well as other responsible parties to begin conducting sampling of the river in such a way as to inform the remedial design phase of the cleanup. Please set high standards for this sampling phase by funding the full amount.

I also urge members of the sub-committee to consider including community involvement language and standards in requested funds to ensure early community participation, setting a precedent for community standards in future phases of the project. It is imperative that those most harmed by pollution are able to meaningfully participate in and steer the cleanup process. I urge the state to devote funds to training and educating impacted communities during sampling and monitoring, as well as that sampling includes an assessment of tissues from lamprey eel, salmon, bass, carp, catfish and clams. These are culturally important foods, particularly for Native people.

Thank you very much for your work and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Erin Goodling".

Erin Goodling, PhD Candidate

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