Wheeler Derrick

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To whom it may concern,

I have been a weed coordinator for a federal agency in Oregon for 11 years now. In that short of time I have witnessed how fast invasive weeds can and do "take over" our native habitats when left alone. This not only jeopardizes our natural resources (which OR is very proud of), but affects agriculture, parks and recreation, all which puts a heavy burden on our economy. I'm sure you have the #'s spent annually on this issue.

Without collaboration from all entities (federal, state, county, local, private, etc.) this issue will continue to persist and at alarming rates. Habitats will be lost. Yes, it is expensive but left unchecked that dollar amount increases enormously or until it's too late.

I believe it is crucial to support bill HB 2043 to help educate, collaborate, treat, and assist Oregonians to stop the degradation of our resources for us and future generations.

Sincerely,

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