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*TESTIMONY BY SENATOR PETER COURTNEY
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Chair Dembrow, members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Peter Courtney. I am a State Senator. I live in NE Salem.

I am here to testify in support of SB 3.

I think you all know where this bill comes from. This isn't a bill I would normally be bringing before this Committee. Not because it's not an important issue- it is- but because this bill is not my bill.

This bill belongs to Senator Alan Bates.

As Oregon Senate President, Senate bills 1-10 belong to me. I get to choose which bills are given those numbers. This bill is Senate Bill 3 to honor Stator Bates who represented Senate District 3 in the Oregon Legislature.

Others here today will tell you how this bill is good policy, that it protects Oregon's streams, rivers and fish. This bill also recognizes and emphasizes all that the late Senator Alan Bates did to protect Oregon's treasured waterways and to preserve the natural habitat of the mighty salmon.

Thank you for hearing my testimony today. I hope you'll join me in supporting this bill.