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To: JWMNR Exhibits
Subject: testimony in support of Oregon Dept of Agriculture Invasive Species Programs

To the members of the Joint Subcommittee On Natural Resources,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed Oregon Dept of Agriculture's Invasive Species Program budgets (HB 5002) and proposed option package (POP 360).

ODA's work to prevent introductions of invasive species and respond to threats is necessary to preserve Oregon's diverse and valuable biodiversity, economy, and way of life. I strongly support and value ODA's work in early detection, rapid response, direct invasive species management, and development and deployment of biological controls.

In particular, I am very concerned about the active infestation of Japanese beetles in Cedar Mill. ODA is coordinating a great response and has the support of the vast majority of residents to treat these beetles before they spread beyond control. These efforts must be continued to be funded, with increased funding if necessary, to eradicate this infestation. If allowed to spread across the state, these beetles will be devastating to our commercial nurseries and farms as well as to anyone who grows roses or vegetables in their gardens.

Please support the ODA Invasive Species Programs budget (HB 5002) and the proposed option package (POP 360). These investments will be a benefit for all Oregonians and our natural habitats.

Thank you,
Lindsey Wise