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**To:** JWMNR Exhibits  
**Subject:** ODA Invasive Species Programs

Dear Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I am writing today in support of the ODA Invasive Species programs - Insect Pest Prevention & Management and Noxious Weed Control. I moved to Oregon in 2008 in large part because of the diverse nature of the state from the coast to the Gorge to the Cascades to sagebrush country. Every corner of this state contains natural wonder that is threatened every day by invasive species. I have worked closely with the ODA throughout my work in rare plant conservation and habitat restoration and have relied on the knowledgeable staff and noxious weed information to guide my management and control decisions. Invasive species also have a huge effect on our local economies and communities and having a robust invasive species program is essential for a thriving Oregon. I fully support these programs as well as the proposed option package for Strengthening the ODA Noxious Weed Control Program, including an Aquatic Weed Specialist.

Thank you for your time,  
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