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Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair
Senator Alan Olsen, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources

RE: SB 254 and SB 432

The Association of Oregon Counties supports Senate Bills 254 and 432.

Oregon's diverse counties rely on a working system of levees, flood control embankments and flood control facilities to protect the safety of our citizens and to add a strong measure of security to ensure economic stability.

From our Columbia River Counties, to our coastal Counties, to the Harney Basin, levees that were constructed many years ago protect residential, commercial and agricultural land from flooding. Counties are challenged to undertake the FEMA certification process, and to fund necessary maintenance on existing structures.

SB 254 and SB 432 are positive and proactive steps to ensure that our system of levees will be in place when they are needed.

The Association of Oregon Counties urges your support of these measures.

Sincerely,



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