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Dear Members of the Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources,

Invasive species pose a serious statewide threat to Oregon's ecology and economy. Invasions of non native plants, insects, mussels, birds and mammals continue to accelerate with global trade, relocation from infested areas inside and outside Oregon and the popularity of the PNW as a desirable place to visit and live.

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) has been working through a network of multi-disciplinary partners to keep Oregon's ecology, people and economy healthy. Passage of Senate Bill 445 will help the OISC continue to fulfill statutory responsibilities by enhancing opportunities for communication between state, federal and tribal agencies and the public, encouraging statewide participation in control of invasive species and enhancing our State's capacity to respond to invasive species emergencies. SB 445 revises membership, leadership and reporting requirements of the Oregon Invasive Species Council and provides funding necessary to accomplish baseline state-mandated responsibilities.

Please support passage of SB 445.

Thank you for your service in our State Senate. Your work is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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