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Greetings:

I am writing in support of SB 445. This important bill revises membership, leadership and reporting requirements of the Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) and provides funding required to accomplish baseline state-mandated responsibilities.

If passed, these revisions will allow the OISC to successfully fulfill its statutory role by enhancing communication, representation, and capacity.

OISC was created to prevent the entry of invasive species into Oregon and to eliminate, reduce and mitigate the effects of invasive species already present in this state.

As a citizen volunteer who has worked to control invasive plant species, I have seen clearly the need to control and prevent the spread of invasive species in Oregon -- in order to protect our valuable native biodiversity and tree canopy, and to help protect the livelihoods of farmers, ranchers, and fishers.

I strongly urge the passage of SB 445 with the fullest funding possible to allow OISC to fulfill its very necessary responsibilities.

Sincerely,  
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