



February 25, 2019

Chair Senator Dembrow
Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Re: Testimony by the Port of Portland in Support of SB 445

Dear Senator Dembrow and Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

The Port of Portland appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in full support of SB 445 which proposes to revise the membership, leadership and reporting requirements of the Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) and to provide necessary funding to accomplish its state-mandated responsibilities. It is of critical importance that the State of Oregon have a robust and well-funded state-wide organization to coordinate comprehensive and science-based strategies to address invasive species.

The Port of Portland is in the business of moving goods and people regionally, nationally and globally, either directly through our aviation and marine terminals or indirectly through inter-state rail and truck transport. As such, early detection and the coordinated implementation of effective rapid response strategies to control invasive species is of great importance to us. From its establishment in 2001, the Port of Portland has participated in the OISC and has regularly held appointed at-large seats on the Council. SB 445 is a positive and proactive step in support of OISC's statewide leadership and protection of Oregon's resources and economy.

The Port of Portland appreciates this opportunity to support such important legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dana R. Green', is written over a white background.

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