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Chair Dembrow and members of the Committee:

Please accept the following testimony on behalf of Eugene-based Cascadia Wildlands and our 10,000 members and supporters across the state and region. **We firmly support passage of SB931 and SB926**, both of which would modernize forestry practices in Oregon.

SB931 would update the FERNS notification system to give landowners and the general public 24-48 hours of notice prior to aerial herbicide spraying around their properties. This commonsense approach would help landowners protect their health. SB931 would also help build transparency in the notification system.

SB926 would protect the health of state-owned forestland by prohibiting aerially spraying on these public lands. Aerial spraying of herbicides has myriad ecological and human health costs, and the state of Oregon must halt this practice like neighboring public agencies like the BLM and Forest Service did years ago. This kind of update to the rules would protect public land users, adjacent neighbors and salmon and wildlife from herbicide drift and the harmful chemicals contained in them.

Thank you for considering our comments, and don't hesitate to contact us with any thoughts or questions.

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