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House Committee on Natural Resources  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2113, --1 amendments

Chair Witt, Vice-Chair Gorsek, Vice-Chair Sprenger and members of the committee

Oregon Food Bank supports the HB 2113 –1 amendments.

Oregon Food Bank believes that no one should be hungry, that hunger starves the human spirit, and that everyone deserves healthy, fresh food. We have spent three decades building a highly effective, nimble and collaborative community response to hunger through a statewide network of 21 regional food banks and 1,200 programs and partners serving 800,000 people in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

Families on a tight budget report that the cost of healthy groceries is their biggest barrier to making healthy meals at home. Being able to grow, hunt, or fish for your own food can reduce food costs and enable families to put enough on the table to feed their families. Recognizing this, we teach garden and nutrition courses to make families more resilient and impact life-long changes to eating habits. These program were developed by OFB with the recognition that many of the clients who access food assistance have an interest in fresh, healthy foods and a desire to grow and cook some of their own fruits and vegetables. Hunting and fishing also provide similar benefits and give families access to fresh, healthy sources of protein.

Easing access barriers for low-income Oregonians to participate in hunting and fishing will allow them to provide more nutritious foods to feed their families. Oregon Food Bank urges the adoption of the –1 amendments and a subsequent passage of HB 2113.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
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