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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Education
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair McLain, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education,

I'm Clair Klock, resident of Corbett, OR, retired farmer and semi-retired urban and small farms conservation specialist.

I and my wife Beverly **urge your full support of \$46 million** for the funding of the Outdoors School program for elementary school students in the State of Oregon. Before and during the farming and natural resources jobs, I was involved in the Multnomah ESD program for almost 20 years in a variety of positions.

I have seen elementary and the high school leaders **go into science related jobs and become school teachers as result of their ODS experience.** I have seen countless meek high school sophomores develop confidence to stand and speak in front of 120 people. I have seen teacher marvel at the abilities of a **"problem student" that shoots to the top of the class** when exposed to the outdoor sciences and the residential ODS environment

Oregon Outdoors School has a positive impact that is felt worldwide. I have had adults approach me not only in Portland, but Denver, San Francisco, Seattle and Santiago, Chile and all points in between. All raved about the positive effects of ODS and thanked me.

I have observed other programs over the last 40 years and will add that the **one week (5.5 day) experience is the best.** This is because the students are getting used to the surroundings the first day and the last day is center on a final wrap up and traveling home with 4 full days of instruction.

All the students in Oregon deserve this experience.

Thank you.