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Co-Chair Paul Holvey
Co-Chair Frank Girod
Joint Ways and Means: Capitol Construction Subcommittee
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: PGE support for Willamette Locks funding allocation in HB 5030

Dear Co-Chair Holvey, Co-Chair Girod, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of the request from the Willamette Locks Commission of \$14.4 million dollars for the repair and reopening of the Willamette Falls Locks in HB 5030.

We are an ex-officio member of the Willamette Falls Locks Commission and fully support the community's desire to restore the Locks to operational status and achieve their reopening. The Locks are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is an invaluable part of Oregon's story. Until shutdown by the Army Corps in recent years, the Locks had been a fully functional, continuously operating bridge between Oregon's past and present – bringing to life an important part of the region's industrial history and identity. As custodians of several historic resources ourselves, PGE takes pride in powering the future while protecting the past. Additionally, we believe that a navigable Willamette River will provide an impetus to economic, cultural, and historic growth for the region and our state.

Please feel free to reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sania Radcliffe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct loop at the end.

Sania Radcliffe
Director of Government Affairs and Environmental Policy