



April 19, 2019

To the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction  
Re: Support for DBBC request for HB 5030 funds

Dear Co-chair Girod, Co-chair Holvey, and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction:

The Coalition for the Deschutes strongly supports the Deschutes Basin Board of Control's application for funding from HB 5030. Combined with other funding (notably PL 566) we believe that irrigation modernization will positively impact Central Oregon communities and agriculture, and the fish and wildlife that depend on our rivers. We respectfully request and urge the subcommittee to accept DBBC's application.

The mission of the Coalition for the Deschutes is to restore the Deschutes River to a healthy ecological condition so that fish, farms, and families can all thrive. We are a river advocacy group that works in partnership with and supports the work of irrigation districts, cities, and other conservation groups in Central Oregon so that we can have:

- A healthy, restored Deschutes River
- Thriving farms and sustainable agriculture
- Robust and vibrant communities

Sincerely,

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Gail Snyder  
Executive Director  
Coalition for the Deschutes

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Mike Taylor  
Board President  
Coalition for the Deschutes