



April 19, 2019

Capital Construction Subcommittee
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 5030 and support for Connect Oregon funding

Co-Chairs Girod, Holvey and members of the subcommittee,

On behalf of Lane County's Greenhill Reload, please accept this testimony in support of Connect Oregon funding. Greenhill Reload is located at the north terminus of the Coos Bay Rail Line. We're in west Eugene on, and adjacent to Greenhill Road and Hwy 126.

Coos Bay Rail Line was abandoned in 2007, leaving the Port of Coos Bay without a critical link to the Willamette Valley. In 2009, this Legislature stepped up, along with the federal government and the Port of Coos Bay, to get the line running again. There's a lot of work that remains to be done.

We are working cooperatively with Port of Coos Bay to determine what products and what markets offer the greatest growth potential and what investments are most needed to move freight on rail to and from the Willamette valley through the Port of Coos Bay for competitive access to domestic and global markets.

If the Legislature approves Connect Oregon funding, we'll be ready with a competitive project application that will be good for the regional economy, be better for the environment and will help make our roadways safer with less congestion. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Phil Donovan
On behalf of Greenhill Reload