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To: Senate General Government & Emergency Preparedness Committee

Re: SB1537

Dear Committee members,

I am writing to support SB 1537, the Governor's Resiliency Agenda, as a board director and representative of the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay (EVCNB) from the small communities of Manzanita, Nehalem and Wheeler on the North Coast.

EVCNB is a regional coastal emergency preparedness organization that has been in effect for more than 10 years. There are many areas of expertise in this group that is dedicated to preparing our communities for disaster and especially the Cascadia Earthquake from making sure neighborhoods are organized, systems are in place to provide food, shelter and medical assistance and assisting in the recovery of infrastructure within the communities.

We would especially like to emphasize our strong support for the Earthquake Early Warning System and Public System Outreach and Education section of this legislation as our coastal communities are vulnerable and will likely be isolated for some time. In this section Shake-Alert seismic stations provide real-time monitoring for seismic activity. In case of a seismic event, the system gives seconds to many tens of seconds of warning before strong shaking arrives, providing preparation time that can save lives and help prevent some kinds of property damage. ShakeAlerts can trigger reactions in key infrastructure, such as utility shutdown to prevent gas fires, or alert lighting on bridges and roads. Oregon seismic stations will contribute to an onshore earthquake early warning system along the West Coast, improving public safety for Oregon's coast and I-5 corridor as well as the Pacific Northwest region.

Finally, to ensure that preparedness efforts are moving forward on a strategic plan based on best available information, data, and current resources, the State Resilience Officer will coordinate the updating of the Oregon Resilience Plan and the Coastal Communities Plan in conjunction with the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) and an institute of higher education. There are currently no resources allocated within the Office of the State Resilience Officer to update the coastal and Oregon Resilience Plan.

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