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Co-Chairs Senator Kathleen Taylor and
Representative Jeff Reardon
And Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Natural Resources



RE: Climate Adaptation Coordinator and Federal Funding

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

In response to the question that we received during Ways and Means today regarding the status of the federal funding previously used for our Climate Adaptation Coordinator (POP 111) - I wanted to share the following:

Use of funding from NOAA CZM grants is restricted to Oregon's coastal zone, and since the Climate Change Coordinator position represents a statewide collaboration, NOAA funding would not be available. The position was previously covered (partially) by NOAA, but DLCD had to support the position with GF dollars as well in an effort to cover the hours that were spent outside of the coastal zone.

Climate work will continue in Oregon's coastal zone through a dedicated position hired just for that purpose and will utilize the NOAA funding. The POP 111 GF-funded resilience coordinator would fully support the continuation of a statewide, multi-agency (25 agencies) climate change adaptation work group, which will ensure that climate adaptation efforts undertaken by state agencies are coordinated, cooperatively deployed, and non-duplicative.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this question.

Sincerely,

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