



**WILLAMETTE PARTNERSHIP**

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RE: WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF POP 107

Willamette Partnership submits written testimony in support of POP 107 in the proposed budget for Business Oregon in HB 5023.

Oregon's water infrastructure is rapidly aging and is often overburdened. The American Society of Civil Engineers provides staggering estimates of the funding needed to repair and maintain these systems over the next 25 years: \$1 trillion for drinking water, \$271 billion for wastewater, and \$144 billion for dams and levees. New investments are needed to find solutions that work in a world of climate change, population growth, complex and sometimes contradictory regulations, changing community values, and decreasing federal investment. Oregon needs more state investment for infrastructure and we support funding for the Special Works Fund in Policy Option Package 107.

Sincerely,

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