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Testimony IN SUPPORT of House Bill 2526  
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Please make the second Monday of October Oregon's designated annual Indigenous Peoples' Day, by voting for HB 2526. I strongly support honoring the people who lived on and cared for this land for thousands of years before Europeans arrived and violently destroyed the way of life of Indigenous People, without regard for their lives, their knowledge or their sovereignty. Designating Indigenous People's Day would be an expression of gratitude and appreciation for the land and resources we have enjoyed. I hope we will find more ways to honor Indigenous People of this land and their descendants in Oregon today. As a voter who cares deeply about justice and everyone's right to pursue happiness, I ask you to vote for this important cultural change. Thank you.