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Re: SB 1534, Carbon Sequestration in Natural and Working Lands

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Morgan Neil Outreach Coordinator Soil and Water Conservation Districts have long been the strongest local links between land managers and protecting natural resources. As non-regulatory agencies, we often serve as the first introduction of voluntary new management practices by providing relevant information and training to people, guiding them to make the best management decisions for their natural and working lands.

Polk SWCD supports SB 1534 which will work to advance the foundation of locally lead conservation by developing policy directing strategy for carbon sequestration, storage, and resilience. As well as a local advisory group of land mangers active in on the ground management practices being a part of the Oregon Global Warming Commission. All the steps being offered as part of the bill can only ensure that moving forward our natural resources remain abundant and resilient while maintaining our economy.

We look forward to participating in the conversation.

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