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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital
Construction

Measure: SB5702

We, the Hood River County Farm Bureau, are in favor of this bill to secure funding to support this great alliance.

The Ag Tech Education Alliance seeks to foster a sustainable future for the next generation in the Columbia River Gorge and beyond through a focus on agriculture.

The three pillars of ATEA include an innovative agricultural program of study, Farmer Ag Tech Resource Center and an Ag Tech Entrepreneurship Incubator Hub. ATEA programs will be centered around the "Oregon Innovation Farm"; a working farm that will enable collaborative experiential learning and in-field testing for farmers, students, and entrepreneurs. ATEA will contribute to a thriving community that works together to build climate resiliency and the maintain economic competitiveness in our community. By focusing on solving challenges in agriculture, near and long term, ATEA will strengthen the fabric of our community; Creating a bridge to agriculture and an understanding of our food supply chain.

We ask for your support on seeing this through. Please reach out for further questions. We are in need of moving agriculture into the technology zone for efficiency and effectiveness. Thank you.