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Senate Committee on Rules 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 3086A

Dear Chair Lieber, Vice-Chair Knopp, and members of the Committee:

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde ("Grand Ronde") has reviewed HB 3086A and appreciates the opportunity to comment. Grand Ronde has managed the natural resources and wildlife in western Oregon since time immemorial. As the stewards of these natural resources, Grand Ronde understands the relationships that are required for sustainable management practices. These sustainable management practices will ensure a future for our natural resources, fish and wildlife on our ancestral lands in western Oregon.

Grand Ronde supports HB 3086A. Appointing Commissioners based on geographic region, as opposed to population, allows for best practices in management of fish and wildlife based on sustainable ecological practices within watersheds or river basins. Grand Ronde is committed to the management of these natural resources, and with the passing of HB 3086A, representation amongst the Commission will be based on the river basins and watersheds, rather than voting districts, which provides for equitable management of fish and wildlife.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments. Grand Ronde is available to answer questions and provide input on the management of Oregon's natural resources.

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