

COW CREEK BAND OF UMPQUA TRIBE OF INDIANS GOVERNMENT OFFICES

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Senate Committee Rules 900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: HB 3086 A

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

I am writing to express the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians (Tribe) support for House Bill 3086 A. This bill is a model of compromise and reflects a fair balance of ensuring that the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission includes both regional and population representation.

As necessary, this legislation establishes that all commissioners, regardless of region or seat, should understand the roles of Federally recognized Indian Tribes in Oregon and our relationship and history with the lands, water, and natural resources the commission governs.

Please support HB 3086 A to restore balance and fairness and appropriately recognize Tribal Sovereignty in how the state manages our natural resources.

Sincerely,

Carla Keene, Tribal Chairman

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