Submitter: Ted Labbe

On Behalf Urban Greenspaces Institute

Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and

Water

Measure: HB2527

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation.

This bill revives an important program that allows private landowners the choice and resources to partner with area Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the North Willamette Valley to protect precious oak and other priority habitats.

I urge you to advance this bill out of committee to the full legislature, and to incorporate input and edits on the bill language from our SWCD partners. The significance of this bill is evidenced by the range and diversity of organizations showing up to voice support.

Sincerely,

Ted Labbe

Executive Director of the Urban Greenspaces Institute