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On Behalf Of: The Intertwine Alliance

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

Measure: HB2527

The Intertwine Alliance is a Portland metro region coalition of 80 public, private and nonprofit partners working for parks, trails, nature and equitable access to nature.

We're the home of the long-standing Intertwine Oak Prairie Working Group.

<https://www.theintertwine.org/projects/oak-prairie-work-group>

Most of the soil & water conservation districts and watershed councils in our region, Urban Greenspaces Institute, city and special district park departments, and many others comprise our coalition and set its priorities.

We support HB 2527 because it 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. We 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.

Many thanks,

Tara Wilkinson, Director
The Intertwine Alliance