



February 16, 2023

To Senate Committee on Natural Resources

From: Oregon Association of Conservation Districts

Re: **Support SB 753 – Funding to Address Sudden Oak Death Syndrome**

Chair Golden and Committee Members,

The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) represents Oregon's 45 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), special districts governed by elected boards. The Districts protect and enhance soil quality, water quality and quantity, and habitat by supporting voluntary conservation in partnership with private landowners and managers as well as federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

OACD Supports SB 753 which provides funding to address Sudden Oak Death. This disease is a serious problem that affects coast live oaks and tan oaks along the southern coast of our state. Funding is needed to contain and eradicate the disease and keep it from spreading elsewhere.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Dean", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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