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To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, & Water
From: Richard Donovan, Legislative Services Specialist
Re: House Bill 2238
Date: March 2, 2023

Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the OSBA membership, including 197 school districts and 19 Education Service Districts, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 2238.

The Department of State Lands is responsible for oversight of the Common School Fund, initially seeded by “school lands” granted to Oregon in the 19th century. The corpus of the fund exists to benefit the current and future students of Oregon. Since creation, the fund has delivered hundreds of millions of dollars to benefit public education.

The DSL is also responsible for removal of derelict vessels from Oregon’s waterways under certain circumstances. DSL staff have been very clear that the costs of these removal operations are, often, covered by allocations from the Common School Fund. This subsidy of derelict vessel removal negatively impacts the funds available for public education. The department has a structural challenge that requires it to attend to the responsibilities of removal without adequately being able to fund the costs.

HB 2238 would address these structural challenges to let the department undertake a two-year rulemaking process and deliver a better structure for handling removal responsibilities. It is a step towards ending the subsidy of these removal operations by the Common School Fund. And it is a path towards better investment in public education.

Please support HB 2238.