I SUPPORT [HB 3222].

Good job Representative Owens and Senator Findley!

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The Text of [HB 3222] states, "SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$2,000,000, for distribution to the High Desert Partnership:

- (1) To design and implement projects for restoring or maintaining wet meadow, wetland and lake conditions for birds, farmers and ranchers on the Silvies River Floodplain, on the Donner und Blitzen River Floodplain, at Malheur Lake and in the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge;
- (2) For research and public engagement related to the projects described in subsection (1) of this section; and
- (3) To support collaborative partnerships related to the projects described in subsection (1) of this section."
- *The [\$2,000,000] allocation might be too little.

Why do not you consider thinning down the worthless Housing and Community Services Department's bloated and obese budget by [\$3,000,000] and transfer the additional monies to [HB 3222] use for a total of, [\$5,000,000]?

You could even assert the extra monies could be used to support the **[HB 3163]**-Place-Based Water Planning boondoggle.

[\$2,000,000] is a good investment more money would make it great.

David S. Wall Mr. Oregon Concurs. /// ///