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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural  
Resources

Measure: SB5509

The Legislature has worked hard over the past decade to staff up ODFW's Water Program to the current level. Please protect against any cuts to this program in the final legislative budget.

Policy Option Package 107 would fund 3 ODFW positions to work on Integrated Water Resources Solutions, including Place Based Planning and other regional collaboratives. The water needs of salmon, other fish, and wildlife will be severely compromised without ODFW participation in these regional water forums.

POP 102 is critical to understanding stream temperatures and how they affect Oregon's iconic species, including federally listed salmon and steelhead.