



Portland Parks Foundation

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To Representative Travis Nelson and the Oregon Legislature

The Portland Parks Foundation (PPF) supports the creation of a more financially sustainable future for Portland Parks and Recreation (PPR). We believe the best means to this end is a robust community discussion to explore all the best possible options. For this reason, PPF supports pursuit of HB 3515 at this time to create the *opportunity* for Portland’s Council to oversee a future parks district. We believe this option should be weighed by the community along with the other existing parks district governance options: oversight by the county or by an independent board.

Going forward, PPF remains committed to supporting a sustainable future for PPR and looks forward to joining other community partners at the table for this timely and critical discussion.

We thank Rep. Nelson for his initiative. We are available for any questions or discussion.

Sincerely,

Randy Gragg

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