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House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
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Re: Support of HB 3181-1

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3181. The Green Diamond Resource Company owns and manages significant acreage of forestland in Oregon. Our largest holding is approximately 600,000 acres located in Klamath and Lake counties. We also have smaller, yet still significant footprints in Hood River, Wasco, and Umatilla counties. Green Diamond is a family-owned company currently in its fifth generation of ownership. Our investments in Oregon were made with a generational view and a commitment to remain in the state over the long-term.

That said, our footprint in Oregon is different from the timberlands that are common west of the Cascade Mountains. Our land is typically situated at a high elevation and grows slowly with low precipitation. Restoring our lands to health and maintaining sound management over our long-term commitment requires creative approaches to management. As a company, we have made investments and manage existing contracts for renewable energy facilities located on our land. Renewable energy siting is a business opportunity that we would like to expand in a thoughtful and coordinated manner. This is where HB 3181-1 comes in.

Green Diamond prides itself a sustainable company. That statement usually refers to our sustainable forest management, but it expands beyond that. In this context, we advocate for sustainable policy development. Forestland management, by its nature, requires a long-horizon view. Land use decisions and investments on forestland are affected by the perceived durability of relevant policies. Policies developed in coordination with all affected stakeholders, and participation funding for those unable to fully engage in the conversations otherwise, lead to the most sustainable outcomes and result in the highest confidence for investments. We were excited for the opportunity to participate in the siting table that led to the language before you now for that reason. The amendments to this bill chart a responsible course to a sustainable outcome by assuring all voices and concerns will be heard in the development of this important policy.

The amendments before the committee, if adopted, will result in our full support of this legislation. We urge the committee to adopt the amendments and support the passage of HB 3181-1.

Thank You,

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