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House Bill 5006

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The department appreciates the opportunity to provide written testimony on House bill 5006. House bill 5006 provides a six-year period for payment of expenses for acquiring property and planning, constructing or refurbishing facilities. The six-year period begins July 1, 2023, and for ODFW covers expenses related to deferred maintenance projects provided for under section 1(9). ODFW is seeking approval for general obligation bond funding in the amount of \$5,000,000 to address deferred maintenance at regional office facilities.

The Secretary of State recognized in a 2005 audit that ODFW had, in their estimation, a \$94 million backlog of maintenance needs at facilities across the state, including hatcheries, offices, and wildlife areas. Funding to address deferred maintenance issues at hatcheries was received during the 2017 session through \$10 million in general obligation bonds and has led to significant improvements to hatchery infrastructure through targeted investment. Funding was provided for regional offices deferred maintenance in ODFW's 2021-23 Legislatively Approved Budget through a Deferred Maintenance – Phase 2 general obligation bond purchase of \$5,000,000. House bills 5005 and 5006 would continue to provide resources for addressing deferred maintenance at regional office locations. The department has identified projects through a Real Property Inventory in 2021-22. House bills 5005 and 5006 would provide funding for prioritized facility upgrades at the Clackamas Office Complex, developing a centralized office location in Central Oregon and completing rebuild efforts at the John Day Watershed District office in Pendleton, Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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