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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure: SB5506

I am writing in support of 3 bills to fund with SB 5506. They include: SB 522, SB 530, and HB 3016. All are important measures for mitigating climate change. As a resident of Oregon, I would be proud to live in a state that is a leader on climate change mitigation policies and environmental justice.

SB 522 changes the name of “Oregon Global Warming Commission” to “Oregon Climate Action Commission” and will establish Oregon aspirations for greenhouse gas emission levels. The state needs to see where it’s headed first to make any real progress. The total fiscal impact is \$775,835 for 2023-2025 biennium and \$632,435 for 2025-2027 biennium

(<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/77678>).

SB 530 establishes Oregon policies for natural climate solutions. This bill is important because natural carbon sequestration and climate solutions improve overall health of the environment and the people and animals that inhabit it; therefore, protecting what makes Oregon beautiful. The fiscal impact of this bill is estimated to be about 1.5 million for 2023-2025 and 1.1 million for 2025-2027 according to the Oregon Dept. of Energy

(<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Downloads/MeasureAnalysisDocument/77333>).

The last bill I specifically want to be funded is HB 3016. This measure creates the Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program, tasked with allocating funds to community projects such as native seed banks/ plant nurseries and other green infrastructure projects. I think a grant program like this will show Oregonians that the state government supports motivated peoples in their charge to fight climate change using the wealth of knowledge in their own communities. The estimated fiscal impact is about \$500,000 (23-26) and \$480,000 (25-27) according to the Department of Forestry with the Department of Transportation estimating about \$200,000 (23-25) and \$223,000 (25-27)

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Overall, I would love to see the state government allocate funds to SB 522, SB 530, HB 3016, and other bills attempting to reduce carbon emissions and take proactive action against climate change.