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Chair Lieber and Vice Chair Knopp, and members of the committee,

Senate Bill 1095 seems to put forth simple fixes for all commission that are tied to congressional districts. However, the bill fails to recognize several key issues:

- First, only two commissions addressed in SB 1095 are out of compliance and must be addressed in this legislative session. These are the Oregon Parks & Recreation Commission and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission.
- Second, both of those commission currently have bills moving through the legislature to address the restructuring needs of their commissions.

The Oregon Parks & Recreation Commission has been addressed in SB 890, which is already scheduled for a work session in the House Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water Commission.

The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife Commission is being addressed through HB 3086, which is currently in House Rules.

SB 1095 would undercut the work that has already been put in motion on both bills by taking such a broadcloth approach to the restructuring of commissions.

HB 3086 would move the ODFW Commission away from congressional districts and align it with the more regionally diverse model of the five river basin management areas. This concept would create a more equitable representation of the state based on regions that are more aligned with wildlife and habitat management. The five river basin management areas are contained in statute (ORS 536.022) and used to population the Oregon Water Resources Commission.

HB 3086 has a groundswell of support across many legislators and stakeholder sectors:

- Bipartisan chief sponsors
- Bipartisan support from the Coastal Caucus
- Bipartisan support from the Sportsmen's Caucus
- Six Tribes: Coquille Indian Tribe, Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Burns Paiute Tribe, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

- Sportsmen's conservation community
- Natural resources community
- Livestock producers' community

The -1 amendment submitted for SB 1095 mirrors the language from HB 3086 with the -4 amendment. This language includes requested language from Tribal leaders and has been supported by all the stakeholders listed above.

This broad swath of stakeholders agrees: the only path forward for SB 1095 includes the -1 amendment that honors the support of HB 3086-4, the multiple Tribes that have spoken out in support of the river basin model for the ODFW Commission.

Best,

Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58

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