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House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Re: HB 2773 Support

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is Oregon's largest state-centric hunter conservation organization, representing over 12,000 sportsmen and women throughout 26 chapters in the state. Our mission is 'to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage' and we strongly support science-based wildlife and habitat management.

OHA supports HB 2773 and the development of fishing programs within the urban growth boundary.

Fishing opportunities, especially in areas of greater accessibility for urban communities, have a positive impact in getting more people into the outdoors and enjoying recreation. Establishing the program within the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund is aligned with the focus and mission of the fund to "create opportunities for wildlife watching, urban conservation, community science, and other wildlife-associated recreation."

OHA encourages the committee to support HB 2773.

Thank you,
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