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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or SB5521  
Topic:

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

The current and pending Private Forest Accord (PFA) and Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) are stellar examples of how Oregon stakeholders of diverse perspectives can work with government agencies toward establishing landmark policy reform in the always sensitive yet evermore urgent domain of land and wildlife management.

As someone who contributed to the HCP process, I urge your support for the full funding of two critical PFA programs as provided for in the Oregon Department of Forestry Budget (SB 5521); specifically, a \$10 million allocation for the Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat Program (SFISH), and a \$6 million allocation for the Adaptive Management Program (AMP).

This funding is critical for assuring federal approval of the PFA and HCP by 2027. Failing to provide this funding could undermine the hard work of community stakeholders and deal a blow to achieving effective land management policy on small forestlands or generations to come.

Thanks for receiving public comments and please support SB 5521 in full.

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