

Submitter: Monica Tomosy
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006
Greetings Joint Ways & Means Committee:

I am writing about making choices on what to fund and what not to fund. Given the supply of funds cannot meet the demand I suggest sifting out the ones to fund using 3 criteria.

For each bill, please ask yourselves the following: Does the bill address chronic, long-standing issues? Did similar bills get a majority voting in favor in prior legislative sessions? Were those prior attempts to receive funding unsuccessful or inadequate last year, or year after year? In short, please make 2025 the year that the Legislature finally funds deserving objectives that historically gets support but keeps missing out on getting any or adequate funds. Why? We may never get this chance again.

I suggest the following bills should be prioritized for funding. These are bills that address chronic problems, that if not resolved, will result in more widespread, unacceptable, and more costly problems. They also have received broad support, but to date have not received adequate funds.

Please note that the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network's Climate, Energy, and Environment Team (COIN-CEE) also endorses these bills.

SB 5543 – Funding for the Oregon Water Resource Dept

HB 3198 A – Help Murdered & Missing Indigenous Persons

HB 3450 - CEI Hub Transition Plan

HB 2980 - Protecting Urban Wildlife and Supporting Wildlife Rehabilitation Centers

HB 3143 - Landowners Living With Beavers Grant Program

HB 3871 Animal Welfare Trust and Fund

HB 2984 - Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund

Regarding bills that I feel should not be funded, there are three 3 bills I strongly oppose because they would lead to widespread, unacceptable, and costly problems. Please know that COIN-CEE Team also strongly opposes these bills.

HB 3103 – Prioritizes timber harvesting over the multitude of other resources and

values of state lands, contrary to the purpose of State forested lands

SB 360 - Exemption for Pesticide Application

HB 2410 – Small Modular Nuclear Reactors (SMNRs)

Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in.