

To: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water  
SUBJECT: Support SB 1590

Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and members of the committee,

My name is Cat Perkins-Auch and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I am a hunter, angler, forager and recreator of the beautiful public land in Oregon. I am writing in **strong support of SB 1590.**

Oregon's vast public lands provide access and opportunities for hunters, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts across the state. Yet our public lands are facing increasing threats of privatization, which also threaten our freedom to hunt, fish, and enjoy the wild places that belong to all of us.

SB 1590 would help protect our public lands and the freedoms we hold dear by prohibiting Oregon's public bodies from using state or local resources to assist the federal government in selling certain federal public lands in Oregon to private parties.

The bill would apply only to applicable properties managed by the Bureau of Land Management, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, or the National Park Service, and it includes common sense provisions to allow for continued collaboration on natural resource and wildlife management.

I was born and raised in Portland, Oregon, and it wasn't until later in my childhood that I had the opportunity to explore the natural areas surrounding the Portland metro area. Thanks to my older sister, who took me on my first backpacking trip, my confidence grew as a young girl as I built skills hiking the numerous trails in Mt Hood Wilderness.

My aunt, an experienced hunter and angler, took me on my first hunting trip in Eastern Oregon, sharing with me a deep respect for wildlife and the land. I now live in Eugene, Oregon and spend countless hours building on these skills and harvesting food for my community. These experiences and legacy of women in my life who shared with me their connection to the natural world, I hold dear to my heart. Any disruption to these public lands would threaten more opportunities for individuals to build invaluable skills and connect in meaningful ways.

SB 1590 will help safeguard public lands against the threat of privatization, and ensure access and opportunity for Oregon hunters and anglers for generations to come. I urge your support of SB 1590.

Sincerely,  
Cat Perkins-Auch