

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 Paige Sullivan, I live in Portland, and I am a nurse for the Department of Veterans Affairs. As a federal employee my day-to-day life is impacted by the federal government - for better or for worse. I am writing in **strong support of SB 1590**, as I do not wish for our state to aid in the federal government's goal to privatize our public lands.

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 moved to Oregon in 2017 after growing up in Rhode Island, a state with minimal public land. Since moving here I have enjoyed countless hikes, many backpacking trips, foraging for mushrooms, and swims on hot summer days - all on public land. These were not activities I had easy access to growing up. Despite living in the "Ocean State", not even the beaches were public access. My life now is greatly enriched by Oregon's vast public land access. I intend to spend the rest of my life in Oregon and hope for my connection to public land expands beyond recreation. I would like to incorporate hunting and fishing in my life, a goal that would be significantly more challenging to achieve if access to land is limited by privatization.

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,
Paige Sullivan
Portland