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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1590

Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Committee Members:

I am submitting this testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of SB 1590, which prohibits public bodies from assisting the federal government with privatization of certain federally owned lands.

We must do all we can to make sure one of the most valuable things we have as Americans, which is our public lands, remains that way for now and **FUTURE** generations. Public lands are what makes the west the amazing place that it is! Public lands are a lifeline to many species and if those lands are choked off for short term selfish gain, it would be devastating to them and us.

Please pass this bill. **KEEP PUBLIC LANDS IN PUBLIC HANDS!!!**

Thanks for your time.