



SIERRA CLUB

OREGON CHAPTER

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Oregon State Legislature
House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1590 A

Dear Chair Vice Chairs and members of the committee,

On behalf of the more than 55,000 members and supporters of the Sierra Club Oregon Chapter, we ask you to support of SB 1590 A.

Federal public lands in Oregon are managed on behalf of all Americans for a multitude of purposes, including protection of natural wonders and cultural treasures that are enjoyed by visitors from around the world. These visitors support vital amenity-based rural economies throughout our state. These federal public lands are also sources of drinking water for communities and provide habitat for beloved wildlife, including many species that are threatened and endangered. Recent polls have repeatedly shown that Oregonians place the highest value on these two elements of public forest management.

The current federal administration has increasingly proposed selling, transferring, or otherwise privatizing national public lands. This contradicts the sentiments of the American people, as demonstrated by the vocal opposition to the public lands selloff that was introduced in Congress.

Federally managed lands are a huge factor in Oregonians' quality of life, and are critical for the ecosystem health that supports all life. Passage of this bill will help ensure that

public lands remain in public hands for their enjoyment by all and for the lifegiving ecosystem services they provide to human and natural communities.

Please support SB 1590 A.

Sincerely,

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Bowes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Emily Bowes, Policy Strategist