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The Department of Land Conservation and Development strongly supports continued state funding for OCCRI, the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute. Since its inception in 2009, OCCRI's vision of achieving a climate-prepared Northwest has contributed significantly to hazard mitigation and climate adaptation planning in the state. They help us understand the consequences of climate change on our natural and social systems and connect science with decision making.

Without OCCRI's expertise, DLCD and our local government partners would not be able to use and interpret the huge volume of scientific data and information generated by climate change researchers to help Oregon thrive. In particular, OCCRI has:

- Contributed significantly to the Statewide Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan by providing data and information necessary for us to understand how climate change might exacerbate existing or create new natural hazards, and helping us develop appropriate responses;
- Provided data and information to local governments that describes specifically how climate change might affect their communities so that they may develop appropriate responses as part of their natural hazard mitigation planning;
- Provided critical scientific and technical support during creation of and update to the state's Climate Change Adaptation Framework.

Without OCCRI's expertise, the state could not continue to effectively plan or implement strategies to reduce the impact of climate change on our communities.

In summary, we urge the Education Subcommittee to continue to support the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute. It is an investment that will provide a broad range of unique and critical services to all Oregonians now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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