To the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommitee on Natural Resources:

I am a senior project manager for the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and I am writing in support of HB5010. As a habitat restoration practitioner, I rely heavily on the resources DOGAMI provides to the restoration community to carry out their work. In particular, DOGAMI's LiDAR program has been invaluable for small local non-profits and natural resource agencies, such as watershed councils and soil and water conservation districts, to access the information they need to identify critical salmonid habitat and prioritize habitat restoration efforts. For example, I worked with the Luckiamute Watershed Council to obtain LiDAR data from DOGAMI and run an extensive set of analysis to identify the best steelhead habitat in the Luckiamute watershed. As a result, the Luckiamute Watershed Council has implemented six large scale steelhead habitat restoration projects with two more in development in areas where these efforts are most likely to improve steelhead production . Without DOGAMI's services, accessing this information would be too costly for these organizations to obtain and the progress to improve conditions for threatened and endangered species would be greatly impacted. I ask that you please support this bill.

Kind regards,

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