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To: House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD)

Re: **Support HB 2572 – Prescribed Burning**

Chair Witt and Committee Members,

The Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District supports HB 2572 which would improve the ability to conduct prescribed burns in Oregon. JSWCD serves Jackson County by protecting our natural resources through education and technical assistance to implement voluntary conservation in partnership with private landowners and federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

We believe that prescribed burning is an important tool in managing wildfire in a way that mitigates the severity of wildfire while providing significant natural resource benefits. This bill makes a good fix to existing statute to more properly deal with liability from prescribed burning and allows landowners to work together on joint projects. We also believe that advancing the Certified Burn Manager Program is very important. Without a sufficient number of managers having the knowledge and abilities to properly conduct prescribed burns the State will not be able to take advantage of this important tool.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input.

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