



# CITY OF PORTLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



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Representative Brad Witt, Chair  
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources  
900 Court St. NE, HR D  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Witt and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland supports HB 2663, which would allocate funds to the Oregon Department of Forestry to carry out an integrated pest management program to combat Sudden Oak Death. The City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services manages Portland, Oregon's wastewater and storm water infrastructure to protect public health and the environment, leading the City in preserving and restoring the health of Portland's watersheds. BES works to protect the quantity and quality of surface water and groundwater within the City and to conduct activities that plan and promote healthy ecosystems in our watersheds.

While most of our native plant species in the Portland Metro area are likely not heavily impacted by Sudden Oak Death, the range of hosts and susceptible species are not fully understood. Sudden Oak Death also infects a wide variety of nursery stock raising the price of nursery stock overall (via quarantines, sanitation, etc.) and both we and the public, as buyers, are then disincentivized to purchasing and planting trees and shrubs in contravention of city canopy and stormwater objectives.

We urge you to support HB 2663. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Eric Noll at [eric.noll@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:eric.noll@portlandoregon.gov) or at 503-823-6726.

Sincerely,

Michael Jordan  
Director