



Chair Witt and Members of the Committee,
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

April 8, 2021

RE: SUPPORT, HB 3185-1

Trout Unlimited, WaterWatch of Oregon and The Nature Conservancy urge your support of HB 3185 -1.

HB 3185-1 is a legislative fix to the Channel Maintenance Program that was adopted in 2019 (HB 2437). This bill will clarify the intent behind the program that any materials removed from traditionally maintained channels during approved ditch maintenance would not be placed in or on undisturbed wetlands, either temporarily or permanently.

This bill is a simple fix that will make clear in statute the original intent behind the program. HB 3185-1 is a very important clarification for conservation groups.

Trout Unlimited, WaterWatch of Oregon and the Nature Conservancy negotiated the language found in HB 3185-1 with Rep. McLain and the Oregon Farm Bureau. We appreciated the opportunity to work with them on this legislative fix.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony.