

I Support funding for OSU Statewide Public Service Programs: The governor's recommended budget flatlined funding for OSU Statewide programs, with no planned increase over the 2019-2021 budget. The Statewides need \$158.5 million in funding in order to meet current service levels and continue essential and existing programs related to agriculture and forestry research and extension.

I Support retention of predator control funding in ODFW and ODA base budgets. For the first time in years, the governor's recommended budget did not recommend cuts to predator control funding. However, we are expecting environmental groups to advocate for these cuts. Please emphasize how important predator control funding is to ODFW and ODA!

I Support funding for ODF to expand services for rangeland protection associations. SB 590 would allow owners of land used primarily for cultivating crops to organize rangeland protection associations. This change would add approximately 6.5 million acres to the current acreage eligible for rangeland association development. To extend the current level of support to lands outlined in the bill, ODF would add positions for equipment tracking, acquisition, refurbishment of firefighting equipment, and communications support to all of the Rural Fire Protection Associations.

I support allocation of \$915,000 to the Oregon Wolf Compensation Program. With the federal delisting, ODFW will be in charge of wolf management throughout all of Oregon in the 21-23 biennium. To keep up with the massive increase in demand this will spark, we are requesting an additional investment of \$915,000 into the ODA Oregon Wolf Compensation Program.

I Oppose new fee increases. Farmers and ranchers are suffering from the effects of the pandemic and record low prices across many commodities. This is not the year for fee increases in any natural resource program area. SB 33 proposes a nearly 50% increase to the food safety program, and HB 2142 contains an increase to the water rights program fees, despite a falling number of applications.

I Oppose cuts to core natural resource agency programs. The governor's recommended budget contains a number of cuts to core natural resource agency programs, but also proposes new programs. For example, OWRD's proposed budget cuts critical field services while funding new water access programs and DEQ's proposed budget cuts water quality funding while adding funding to its so-called climate protection program. Agencies must have their core needs met before looking to add new programs!

I Oppose cuts to the noxious weed program. ODA's proposed budget contains cuts to the noxious weed program that effectively eliminate the program. Noxious weed funding is critical and must be maintained!

I Oppose cuts to the agricultural water quality program. ODA's proposed budget contains cuts to the water quality program that we worry will eventually result in shifting even more of their work to DEQ. Oppose significant cuts to ODA's water quality program!