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Honorable Jeff Golden, Chair
Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2616

Dear Chair Golden and members of the committee:

The Department of Forestry appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 2616, which was heard in your committee on April 26. ODF has no position and remains neutral on this bill.

The department leads the state's complete and coordinated fire protection system. We are constantly seeking to maintain and strengthen this system through partnerships, investments, training, and preparedness. Part of ensuring we are prepared is identifying water sources that can provide water for firefighting efforts. Pre-identification of water sources is essential for quick, efficient initial and extended attack.

The pond identified in HB 2616 was identified as suitable for use as a water source during firefighting efforts. The department did not consider the pond any further than as an available source of water.

My staff and I are available for any questions.

Sincerely,

Doug Grafe
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