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To: Senate Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery Committee

From: Harney Soil and Water Conservation District (HSWCD)

Re: SB 1534, Carbon Sequestration in Natural and Working Lands

Chair Golden and Members of the Committee,

HSWCD serves Harney County in protecting its natural resources through education and technical assistance by facilitating voluntary conservation with private landowners and their federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

The District supports Senate Bill 1534, which will take the first steps to implement the Oregon Global Warming Commission's Natural and Working Lands Proposal. This proposal recognizes the importance of carbon sinks in our natural and working lands, our need to manage the resources accordingly, and the many co-benefits of taking these actions. We appreciate that SB 1534 declares it a policy of Oregon to advance carbon sequestration strategies in natural and working lands. We recognized the urgency of other key provisions of the bill that will set the groundwork for moving forward by forming an advisory committee, developing a carbon sequestration inventor and baseline, and developing metrics.

HSWCD looks forward to further advancements of the Natural and Working Lands Proposal in subsequent legislative sessions.

Thank you for evaluating our input,

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