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On Behalf Of: Small woodland owner

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery

Measure: SB1534

Senator Golden, Chair, Senator Kennemer, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery:

I strongly support SB 1534. I am a small woodland owner managing our 79 acre forest in East Multnomah County. This bill if enacted would facilitate assistance to small woodland owners such as us who want to improve our forest management practices consistent with climate smart forestry. It would enable us to have greater access to the best available science to enhance carbon sequestration in our forest, improve wildlife habitats, provide greater protection for the streams that flow through our property, create a more sustainable forest ecosystem that is resilient to drought and wildfires, and over time improve timber yields. SB 1534 offers the right direction for Oregon and especially for working lands in our rural areas.