

**Testimony to the House Committee on Agriculture, Land and Water
On HB 4060**

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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Oregon Environmental Council supports HB 4060 as amended.

The federal government has put many millions of one-time dollars on the table in the past few years, and Oregon has successfully accessed many of those dollars.

Where Oregon has not been so successful is in tracking down loan programs, grant opportunities and other pots of federal money to support our natural resources agencies, their programmatic work, and their outreach and project funding efforts. We support creating and providing ongoing funding for a position dedicated to seeking and obtaining federal dollars for Oregon's natural agencies and their on-the-ground partners. We expect that this position will allow for more coordination between agencies as well as more effective work within agencies.

OEC urges you to support HB 4060 as amended.