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## SUPPORT SB 530

### Oregon's Untapped Climate Solution

Our natural and working lands shape the beauty, culture, and economy of Oregon.

Farms, forests,

urban parks, wetlands, and other lands are a source of life-sustaining resources,

community vitality,

and pride. We need to protect these lands from climate extremes and harness their potential as a

climate solution.

SB 530 supports the viability of Oregon's forest owners, farmers, and ranchers by investing in natural climate solutions (NCS). This bill will:

- Define natural and working lands (NWL) and establish policy direction to advance NCS.
- Provide dedicated funding for voluntary NCS projects, positioning the state to leverage significant new federal funding and private investments.
- Fund and direct state agencies to provide incentives and technical support to forest owners, farmers, and ranchers to implement NCS on NWL.
- Invest in a comprehensive Oregon NWL inventory and workforce analysis to monitor our progress and prioritize future investments.

OCN Priority for a Healthy Oregon.

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The same practices that sequester and store carbon contribute co-benefits that support farmers, ranchers, forest owners, and entire communities.

- Healthy soils produce healthier crops, retain more moisture, and improve water quality, while increasing the producer's net earnings over time.
- Healthy forests provide clean drinking water, habitat for fish and wildlife, and protection from wildfire.
- Healthy coastal wetlands sequester carbon as they filter water, provide critical habitat, and protect communities from storm surges.