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Water

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Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Hartman and Owens and members of the Committee on  
Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

I am writing as a small business owner in Lane County, Oregon. My company, Doty Supply Management Consultants, trades in tea, herbs and spices. My business relies upon crops that are grown and wild-collected here in Oregon and abroad. I am writing today in strong support of HB 2998, the Healthy Soils Bill which would leverage existing programs and expand resources to support farmers and ranchers with soil health practices that make the most sense for their land and businesses.

Soil is literally the foundation upon which our agricultural economy is built and deserves the utmost care and respect from all of us. Farmers and ranchers who tend the land should be incentivized and encouraged to steward the soil with abundant care, in support of healthy crops today, tomorrow and fifty years from now. Managing for soil health allows producers to work with the land to reduce erosion, maximize water infiltration, improve nutrient cycling, save money on inputs, improve plant health, and ultimately improve the resiliency of their working land.

The Soil Health Initiative will provide farmer to farmer education, equipment and financial incentives to farmers and ranchers who want to improve their soil health and are seeking support. The Healthy Soils Bill provides capacity for existing trusted farm service providers and creates a streamlined process for producers to access the support they want.

The Healthy Soils Bill will support, coordinate, and celebrate the work that many farmers and ranchers are doing to advance soil health. It will also position Oregon to receive federal funding to take this work even further.

Please support and do all you can to advance HB 2998.

Thank you for your consideration and your service.

Best regards,  
Rachel Doty  
Doty Supply Management Consultants

