



February 21, 2023

To: Chair Janeen Soliman
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Oregon Association of Conservation Districts

Re: **Support SB 522 – Climate Action Commission**

Chair Soliman and Committee Members,

The Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD) represents Oregon's 45 Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs), special districts governed by elected boards. The Districts protect and enhance soil quality, water quality and quantity, and habitat by supporting voluntary conservation in partnership with private landowners and managers as well as federal, state, and nonprofit partners.

This bill will both rename the Oregon Global Warming Commission and provide for expanding membership of the newly renamed commission, providing additional support for the climate work on natural and working lands.

While we have not yet viewed amendments that will update some of the portions of the 2021 report from the OGWC, carrying out that report to provide tools and support for the natural and working lands program defined is important to our members.

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