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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Measure: HB2998

I am writing in support of HB7998. This bill will expand resources to support farmers and ranchers with soil health practices that make the most sense for their land. Improved soil health provides environmental benefits that serve everyone, including improved water quality, increased biodiversity and pollinator habitat, as well as increased sequestered carbon. We need to protect what is left of our rapidly declining topsoil. Better soil leads to better crops, ultimately leading to reduced pesticide usage. This greatly benefits farmers and agricultural workers by reducing their dependence on and exposure to pesticides and, in turn, protecting their health, and the health of all Oregonians who are downwind and downstream.