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On Behalf Of: Oregon Trails Coalition
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB5521
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Dear Chairs Dembrow and Pham and Members of the Committee:

I'm submitting this testimony on behalf of the Oregon Trails Coalition in support of SB 5521 relating to the Oregon State Marine Board budget.

The Oregon Trails Coalition is a coalition of broad-based, statewide partners dedicated to the preservation, development, and stewardship of a statewide network of sustainable trails that provide access to outdoor recreation and active transportation for all.

Our advisory council includes representatives from more than twenty-five federal, state, and local agencies, trail user groups, outdoor industry and tourism partners, conservation advocates, and volunteer organizations. We represent walkers, bikers, hikers, runners, paddlers, equestrians, adaptive equipment users, skiers, snowmobilers, and motorized trail enthusiasts.

Access to nature and outdoor recreation is deeply valued by Oregonians. We are deeply supportive of the Marine Board's work to invest state boater fee funds as well as federal funds in projects to improve public access to Oregon's waterways, maintain current access facilities, and provide education on water safety and conservation issues such as aquatic invasive species.

We are thankful for the Oregon State Marine Board's leadership and partnership in removing barriers to water access for Oregonians while improving safety and conservation outcomes.

Thank you for your leadership,

Stephanie Noll,
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