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TO: House Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources & Water Committee

FROM: Oregon Winegrowers Association

RE: Support for HB 3163 – Place Based Planning Fund

Dear Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens, and Members of the Committee

The Oregon Winegrowers Association (OWA) represents hundreds of winery and grape growing members from every winegrowing region in Oregon, and our members represent two-thirds of Oregon's overall wine production. For more than 40 years, OWA has been the leading advocate for Oregon wineries and growers. Today, we write as efficient irrigators committed to supporting water policy initiatives that promote improved water resource mapping, data collection and collaborative planning based on hydrological boundaries.

Winegrowing regions across the state have very different access to water resources and our climate differences create very individual irrigation needs. Our membership supports the concept of place-based planning for management of water resources and the need to fund programs that make this vision viable. We appreciate the work of this Committee, the Oregon Water Resources Department and Members of the HB 5006 Workgroup to articulate the need for this fund and for designing a framework for investing monies dedicated to this fund in much-needed planning work.

For all these reasons, we support the current version of HB 3163.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony.

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