



**COALITION OF OREGON LAND TRUSTS**

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To: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

From: Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts

**RE: Support for HB 3016: Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program**

Chair Marsh and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT), we would like to provide testimony in support of HB 3016 and the Community Green Infrastructure Grant program.

The Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts represents 32 member organizations, including land trusts and soil and water conservation districts, that work to protect clean water, fish, and wildlife habitat across our state. Our mission is to serve and strengthen the land trust community in Oregon, and together, our members have worked to conserve over 370,000 acres of land.

Our land trust members work throughout the state to care for and improve natural systems and make our state more resilient to climate change. The grant program created under this bill would allow collaborative planning of green infrastructure projects that benefit urban, rural, coastal, and Tribal communities and help to build a green infrastructure workforce.



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**24 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:** Blue Mountain Land Trust • Center for Natural Lands Management • Columbia Land Trust  
Deschutes Land Trust • Ducks Unlimited • Forest Park Conservancy • Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust  
Greenbelt Land Trust • Klamath Lake Land Trust • Lower Nehalem Community Trust • McKenzie River Trust  
North Coast Land Conservancy • Northwest Rangeland Trust • Oregon Agricultural Trust • Oregon Desert Land Trust  
Pacific Forest Trust • Southern Oregon Land Conservancy • The Conservation Fund • The Nature Conservancy in Oregon  
The Trust for Public Land • The Wetlands Conservancy • Wallowa Land Trust • Western Rivers Conservancy • Wild Rivers Land Trust

**8 ASSOCIATE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:** Black Oregon Land Trust • Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy • Clackamas Soil & Water  
Conservation District • East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District • Helvetia Community Association  
Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District • View the Future • Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District

We encourage Chair Marsh and the committee members to support this bill and look forward to being partners in increasing our climate resilience, improving community well-being, and supporting water quality and conservation across Oregon.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelley Beamer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelley Beamer  
Executive Director  
Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts

