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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB522

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 522.

As the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Synthesis Report, published March 20, 2023, makes clear, the global climate crisis demands urgent action everywhere now. SB 522 steps up Oregon's response to this crisis by updating our greenhouse gas reduction goals, increasing coordination of agency response plans through the Oregon Climate Action Commission (OCAC), and providing for accountability through regular agency progress reports to the OCAC and OCAC updates to the Legislature. SB 522 also directs the OCAC to recommend natural and working lands sequestration goals to the Legislature and to provide recommendations for how the state can achieve those goals. Taken together, these steps will accelerate Oregon's response to the global climate crisis. I urge you to pass this important bill.

Thank you for your service and for making it a priority to address the global climate crisis.

Respectfully,  
Scott Killops  
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Notes:

IPCC Sixth Assessment Synthesis Report, March 20, 2023  
<https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/>