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Senator Helm, Chair

Senator Hartman and Senator Owens, Vice-Chairs

Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources,
and Water

From: Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)

Re: HB 2206-4

The proposed amendment to House Bill 2206 would require the Department of State Lands (DSL) to develop a salmon credit pilot program.

The department's Forest Resources Division administers the Forest Practices Act, the Conservation Tax Credit, and the Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat (SFISH) Program. In addition to wanting to coordinate with DSL to identify waters on forestlands suitable for salmon credit projects, the department has the following implementation questions:

- DSL is to define the salmon credit project types, however it is unclear if projects are meant to be instream only or if they can also include projects in the riparian area.
- If projects may occur in riparian areas, are small forestland owners intended to be eligible to apply for a salmon credit project in addition to a Conservation Tax Credit and or the SFISH Program?
- Section 3 (4)(b) conflicts with forestry rules prohibiting the harvesting of trees in riparian areas except for the purpose of improving the health of the stand.

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