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On Behalf Of: Oregon Wild
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SB1095

As Oregon Wild's staffer responsible for coordinating state and private forest policy, I am happy to testify in support of SB 1095 to provide transitional guidance to state boards and commissions. I do not support the -1 amendment, as I believe the current structure of using Congressional districts to assign members of commissions works and I have seen no compelling evidence that Congressional district-based commissions are flawed.

Oregon Wild has already submitted evidence in support of SB 1095, so I add only that the Private Forest Accord and implementing legislation created the Mitigation Grant Fund and Mitigation Advisory Committee at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. When members of the committee make their recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Commission, a Congressional district-based Commission provides the most representative structure for ratifying these decisions for funding fish habitat projects around Oregon.

Thank you!