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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB775

As a 22 year resident of Oregon, and Multnomah County specifically, I'm writing in support of SB 775. I feel strongly that the current rule requiring residents who want to run for a zoned seat to own at least 10 acres of land to be incredibly exclusionary and a huge barrier for the vast majority of people. Anyone who benefits from a soil and water conservation district, which includes everyone in the county I live in, should have the ability to run for a seat and participate in leading the decisions and efforts of the districts.

Holding onto the 10 acre requirement maintains power with a select few and means that those who don't own large parcels are not equally represented. It also severely limits the pool of viable candidates. In order to provide fair representation and a robust pool of applicants, the 10 acre minimum should be removed.

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Legislative District (senate and house): Third Congressional District; Congressman Earl Blumenauer  
District represented: East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District