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My name is Jim Myron. I am a retired lobbyist, but twenty years ago when the Oregon Hatchery Research Center was approved by the Oregon Legislature, I was a natural resource policy advisor to Governor Ted Kulongoski.

In that role as policy advisor to the governor, I supported the creation of the OHRC. I worked closely with then ODFW Director Lindsay Ball to convince the governor to sign the bill. Director Ball had worked for quite some time in securing support for the concept of a hatchery research center and we convinced the governor that it was well worth his support.

Over the last twenty years the OHRC has not been able to produce much in the way of research aimed at resolving the conflicts between wild and hatchery salmon and steelhead. Since the OHRC facility on Fall Creek is no longer useable, this seems like the appropriate time to terminate this experiment.

Keeping the revenue source for the OHRC and re-directing those funds to other worthwhile activities within the agency seems to be a prudent thing to do.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this very important bill.

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