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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2345

I am disappointed that the Governor would support the closure of an important department such as the Oregon Hatchery Research Center.
Can hatchery managers mimic wild mate selection to improve hatchery fish fitness?
Can hatcheries reduce straying by imprinting young fish with a natural odor and attracting them back as mature adults?
Does releasing hatchery salmon at the fry stage improve adult survival?

This are important questions that the OHRC has researched. We wouldn't have answers to these questions if the OHRC wasn't funded. As a Native American, I am concerned about the survivability of Native First Foods such as Salmon, Steelhead and Lamprey. Currently the OHRC is working with the Coquille Indian Tribe to strengthen the salmon population in the Coos River. These great Tribal to State Partnerships wouldn't happen without the OHRC. I urge a no vote on HB 2345