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900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and members of the committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland's Public Works Service Area and Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), I am writing today to express our strong support for House Bill 2982. Portland has been a leader in recognizing the impacts invasive species pose to our infrastructure, both grey and green, and has addressed these impacts with municipal policy and as an active partner with state and federal agencies. House Bill 2982 will assist the city in both coordinating with state partners and further safeguarding Portland and region's environment and infrastructure that are critical to water quality and human health.

Portland's 2020-2030 Invasive Species Strategy and Watershed Management Plan recognize the impacts of aquatic invasive species on both healthy habitats and critical grey infrastructure for water and wastewater conveyance and treatment. To that end, the City of Portland is a foundational member of the Columbia Basin Dreissenid Monitoring Program in the Portland metro area and welcomes the ability to further safeguard the state and Portland's waters, infrastructure, and associated habitats. Invasive aquatic organisms put critical water quality treatment infrastructure at significant risk of significantly increased maintenance costs and failure.

The City of Portland was a member of the Oregon Invasive Species Council while the state watercraft inspection program was being developed and the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund was devised. Portland has a vested interest in maintaining a robust Fund to safeguard the state and Portland's waters, infrastructure, and associated habitats via passage of HB 2982. As noted above, Portland has already taken proactive steps to be a municipal leader in aquatic invasive species early detection and abatement of invasive species risks and impacts to protect human health and the environment.

For these reasons and more, we encourage you to vote yes on HB 2982.

Thank you,

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