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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
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I have explored and fished the North Umpqua River for 25 years with great awe and reverence. It's rich history and pristine offerings, including wild steelhead, offer an unprecedented experience for all. I also have spent considerable time educating myself on the pros and cons of releasing hatchery fish into such an environment and have concluded that such an act is and will continue to be very detrimental to the wild fish population. I believe this is clearly documented both scientifically and anecdotally in many ways. I oppose this measure because of the risk of significant harm this exposes to such a rare and priceless ecosystem. Thank you.