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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Natural Resources

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5039

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee:

I strongly support appropriating \$5M in OWEB's budget for the 2025-2027 biennium to renew the Natural and Working Lands Fund. Farmers need this kind of support to adopt practices and changes that will make their operations more resilient in the face of climate change.

The Fund is one year old and is doing great work to expand adoption of well-established practices for sustainable land management and stewardship. In addition to the direct climate-related benefits of carbon sequestration and storage, those practices also help reduce wildfire risk, improve water management and reduce water temperatures, maintain biodiversity, provide pollinator habitat, improve soil health, etc. etc.

Oregon needs the resilience provided by the practices supported by the Natural and Working Lands Fund.

Please support HB 5039 and move it forward. Thank you,

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