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Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water
900 Court St. NE
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Re: Written Testimony in Support of HB3314

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and Members of the Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water:

My name is Justin Green, and I am President of Justin B. Green Consulting. I am also a board member of the Human Access Project in Portland, Oregon, and the former Water Quality Administrator at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. I am writing to testify in support of HB3314 and its pivotal work to mitigate harmful algal blooms (HABs) from the Ross Island Lagoon in the Willamette River.

I am very excited about the work the Human Access Project (HAP) and Oregon State University (OSU) have done to get us to this point. I first met HAP's Ringleader, Willie Levenson, while discussing this issue. While I was at DEQ he was able to get a number of state and federal agencies to not just support the effort to address HABs from Ross Island, but to also contribute funding to help OSU with their work. When a stakeholder came to me with a problem in one hand and the solution in the other, I listened. I truly believe HAP and OSU have the ability to bring people together to solve a common problem.

We all know that HABs in the Willamette are a significant public health issue, but they also impugn the quality of Oregon waters statewide. I will be working with Willie, HAP, and OSU on this project to make sure we are communicating with all parties involved and remain focused on the public benefit of this work.

The great work of HAP and Willie's leadership inspired me to join HAP's board, and I have greatly enjoyed supporting and facilitating the organization's work as a board member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and for all your hard work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Justin Green