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Joint Committee on Transportation

Subject: Support for HB 3362

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, and Members of the Committee -

On behalf of the thousands of members and supporters of Tualatin Riverkeepers, which works to protect and restore the Tualatin River watershed, we encourage your support of HB 3362, which helps address transportation impacts on wildlife and water quality.

Salmon and salmonids, such as Pacific Lamprey, are species that help define our state and our region. Since 6PPD-Quinone was discovered as the contaminant responsible for significant mortality in spawning salmon, mitigating its impacts has become a priority for our organization. While we collectively work on a much longer-term replacement for the use of 6PPD in tires, it is critical that we find ways to help mitigate the damage that 6PPDQ causes to salmonids. Passage of HB 3362 will provide funding to help organizations around Oregon implement the natural solutions that have proven to be successful.

The transportation package is obviously critical for the movement of people and products around our state. It is also an opportunity for us to incorporate values – protection of wildlife, water, and natural resources – that make Oregon an incredible state to live in.

Tualatin Riverkeepers and our members strongly support the passage of House Bill 3362.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Fee", written in a cursive style.

Glenn Fee
Executive Director