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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3314

I am writing in support of HB3314-1. I am a long time resident of a floating home near the Sellwood bridge. The toxic algal blooms that have recently occurred in the Ross Island Lagoon are very concerning and need to be addressed and mitigated as soon as possible. The algae bloom affects many animals which have no defense.

Recreational use of the river in Portland has been growing every year. Efforts over the years to make and keep the Willamette healthy have enabled many people to enjoy the river and appreciate its importance to all the animals in our urban environment.

Please pass this measure and fund the work being done by Oregon State University and the Human Access Project to eliminate this very serious threat to our beautiful river. We need all the help we can get to keep our lovely river safe for those who use it and those who come into contact with other users.