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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5521

I am writing in support of full funding of the Private Forest Accord (PFA) via SB 5521.

The PFA is a landmark agreement that was created through collaborative efforts to provide greater protections of the more-than-human world - from which we are inseparable and depend upon - as well as ensuring that industries had a say in how the policies were made. Thus, fully funding the Private Forest Accord is the necessary next step to ensure its goals are met. This includes the full \$10 million for the Small Forestland Investment in Stream Habitat Program (SFISH) and the full \$6 million for the Adaptive Management Program.

ODF's budget request is \$832 million, of which 43% is designated for fire protection. The requested \$10 million is a fraction (1.2%) of the budget. Increasing the allocation by \$6 million will still be under 2% of the total budget.

If the PFA does not move forward as planned, then we lose all the collaborative work done thus far because the regulations would roll back to the original Oregon Forest Practices Act.

Please ensure that this landmark agreement is implemented as intended by those who created it. This will be accomplished through full funding.