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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or SB5521
Topic:

Dear Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee:

I am a member of SEIU Local 503 and an employee at ODF. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in favor of the Governor's Recommended Budget in SB 5521, as well as additional funding to implement the Private Forest Accord.

The staff at the Oregon Department of Forestry consist of highly trained and dedicated people committed to the management of forest, timber, recreation, wildlife, and surface and groundwater, as well as their well known role as wildland firefighters on both public and private lands. They provide professional services for the people of Oregon. I am proud to be one of those professionals at ODF. The employees that make up the Forest Resources Division are working diligently to implement changes to the Forest Practices Act and to finalize the Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan. I ask that you fully fund critical programs for this HCP including the Adaptive Management Program and Independent Research and Science Team, as well as the SFISH grant program for small forestland owners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Arden