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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2981

This legislation would:

Increase monitoring capacity to detect and prevent the spread of invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

Update Oregon's water body vulnerability assessment for invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

Support multi-agency rapid response exercises to increase state preparedness to respond to detections of invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

Development of a framework around emergency declarations and agency roles and responsibilities related to detections of invasive mussels and other aquatic invasive species.

Please support this measure. This is a serious growing threat to our communities and environment from aquatic invasive species, including invasive mussels such as Zebra, Quagga, and Golden Mussels. Thank you for the opportunity for input.