



To: Senate Committee on Rules
Re. Support of SJR 28

March 27, 2025

Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee,

Rogue Riverkeeper is a program of the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center based in Ashland Oregon. We represent approximately 10,000 members and supporters across Oregon and beyond. We support SJR 28, an amendment to the Oregon Constitution relating to a clean, safe and healthy environment.

This joint resolution makes our state and local governments' responsibility to protect Oregonians from human-caused environmental harm explicit in our Constitution. This is about updating our constitution, and our rights, to protect us against the greatest threats we face today.

Oregon's current regulatory system has limited effectiveness and also depends heavily on federal environmental laws including the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. Federal environmental laws are in jeopardy with the new administration. An amendment to Oregon's constitution shows our commitment to protecting the environment. By making this change to Oregon's constitution, we can codify the right to protect Oregonian's use, enjoyment, and value of their property by protecting it from harmful activities of others. We urge this committee to approve this bill and send it to the full Senate with a "do pass" recommendation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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