

Submitter: Ian Freeman

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5009

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy, and members of the Committee,
The Private Forest Accord is an incredible agreement between conservation and timber interests, and would be beneficial for our fish, wildlife, and private landowners. Please fully fund the PFA grant program at \$20 million in the 2025-2027 state budget so that we can see this agreement reach its full potential. A vast swath of Oregon is private timberland, and what happens on those lands has broad implications for the rest of the state. We need to clearly prioritize the health of these lands by putting long-term investment into them.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Ian Freeman