

Submitter: Willow Kasner

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5009

To co-chairs and members of the committee,

I am writing you as a generational rural landowner, from a timber and farm family on both sides. I know firsthand the effects that private timber regulations have on our lands, waters, salmon, families, and communities.

I am writing in support of and asking you to please fully fund the PFA. Not only does this funding secure much needed better regulations for steep slopes, no logging roads, and necessary STREAM side buffers, it also is a chance for the rural small woodland owners to be complicated for the lack of timber that they will be able to harvest due to this act. It is very important for my family, Community, and my rural neighbors, that we all get support and maintaining our families and our values, along with maintaining a healthy landscape for our future generations.

For these reasons and more, many of us here on the coast completely support the PFA and HCP, therefore I am asking you to please fully fund the Private Forest Accord Grant Program at \$20M in the 2025-2027 state budget. This reflects the state's commitment of \$10M

annually to this grant program under the

PFA authorizing legislation from 2022 (SB 1501). This contribution is in addition to a \$2.5M annual contribution from the timber industry that increases to \$5M annually after federal approval of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). This long-term investment is a core part of the negotiated agreements and to securing a federally approvable HCP by Dec. 2027

Sincerely,

Willow Kasner

Sixth generation rural Oregonian.