

Submitter: Marsha White
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I'm writing as a long time Oregon resident, hiker, cyclist and outdoors enthusiast to express my strong support for state investment in the Salmonberry Trail. I have walked and cycled on rail trails in Oregon, Washington, Missouri and Ohio. I have also volunteered with the Salmonberry project in trail clearing and scouting, and have donated money to the Salmonberry Trail Foundation. But more support is needed to further the progress of building this 82-mile safe and accessible trail connecting the Oregon Coast and the Willamette Valley.

The Salmonberry Trail will bring a range of benefits to Oregonians — directly to those who use it (positive health effects, safety and greater access to the outdoors), and indirectly but very importantly to local economies through increased tourism.

As the state considers funding priorities, I urge you to include the Salmonberry Trail. This is a smart, future-focused investment that will serve Oregon for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,
Marsha White
Salmonberry Trail Supporter