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I support the ODFW hatchery funding component of SB 5505. Recreational fishing for salmon and steelhead is very important to my family and our quality of life. For us, it's one of the most important things that makes our home in Oregon a special place. For example, just a week ago, I took my daughter steelhead fishing on the Wilson River during her spring break. That fishery is supported by an ODFW hatchery on the Trask River. And this weekend, I plan to fish the Willamette River in the shadow of downtown Portland office buildings for spring Chinook. This very unique urban fishery is supported by hatcheries on the upper Willamette without which there wouldn't be a fishery at all. Through much of our state, a robust hatchery system is required to mitigate human impacts on fish habitat to ensure that we have sustainable fisheries today and into the future. I urge you to support funding for ODFW's hatcheries. Thank you for considering my comments.