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On Behalf Of: Christmas trees and Nursery
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education
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Jan Hupp, Drakes Crossing Nursery and Hupp Farms in Silverton. I am a 3rd generation, native Oregonian farmer, growing Christmas trees and operating a conifer seedling nursery. We grow Christmas trees and reforestation seedlings. Oregon is the largest producer of Christmas trees in the nation. Full funding and education helps to maintain the quality of trees and puts us ahead of all other states with a superior product.

Nursery stock is a huge part of the Oregon agriculture industry. We rely on skilled people and programs to assist us with knowledge and research at our nursery so we will be ready and able to meet the growing need for plants in the future.

Through past funding and extension experience from the state, we have expanded our nursery preparing to meet the increasing needs for more trees to reforest after the increasing wild fires.

Please pass SB5525.

Thank you.
Jan Hupp