

May 28, 2025  
House Committee on Revenue  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

**RE: Support for SB 546 – Modernizing the Oregon Charitable Checkoff Program**

Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

As a member of the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board, I am writing in support of SB 546, which would modernize the signature requirements for participation in the Oregon Charitable Checkoff Program (OCCP).

Numerous charitable organizations, including the Oregon Zoo Foundation, would benefit from this long-overdue update. Under current rules, nonprofits must collect 10,000 handwritten signatures to qualify for participation—an outdated and cost-prohibitive process that has effectively blocked new entrants for nearly a decade.

SB 546 offers a commonsense solution by allowing electronic signatures, reducing barriers for nonprofits, and giving Oregon taxpayers greater opportunity to support causes they care about through their state tax returns.

I respectfully urge your support of this bill and its goal to make the Charitable Checkoff Program more accessible, equitable, and impactful for communities across Oregon.

Sincerely,

Gina Zejdlik  
Board Member, Oregon Zoo Foundation