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Thank you for considering this important piece of legislation. I am an Oregon Certified Engineering Geologist, a geomorphologist, and hydrologist. It has been my privilege to have been working with rivers and streams for over 4 decades: seeking to improve instream and riparian habitat where possible, and stabilize channel courses where necessary. I've worked in consulting for state and local agencies, and was employed until recently by a county special district doing this work. Shallow groundwater and instream flows are key to managing streams. They keep riparian vegetation alive (a major tool for stabilizing streams) and support rich and complex food webs. We've spent 10s of millions of dollars doing stream rehabilitation and restoration, but these projects need water to function. Surface and groundwater must be managed together. This bill advances that effort. Please continue to support it through the legislative process. Thank you.