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Senator Kathleen Taylor, Co-Chair

Senator Jeff Reardon, Co-Chair

Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,
Subcommittee on Natural Resources

RE: House Bill 5530 - SUPPORT

Co-Chairs Taylor and Reardon and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 5530, which would provide biennial funding for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). On behalf of a broad coalition of organizations advocating for an Oregon Climate Action Plan (Executive Order 20-04) that maximizes emissions reductions, centers the needs of frontline communities, and ensures an equitable transition to clean energy, we urge you to vote yes on this bill.

Our coalition supports the Governor's Recommended Budget and all the Policy Option Packages (POPs) that would provide important resources for agencies to implement their climate and equity directives under OCAP. In particular, we are pleased to support POP #90 (Equity Initiatives), POP #111 (Climate Adaptation) and POP #112 (Climate Mitigation). These POPs would provide the minimum amount of funding necessary to make meaningful progress on important climate and equity directives under Governor Brown's Executive Order (EO 20-04).

Executive Order 20-04 directs DLCD and other agencies to implement the Statewide Transportation Strategy and support jurisdictions in land use and transportation planning to achieve state greenhouse gas reduction goals. POP #112 is critical to achieve this outcome. Further, DLCD is currently leading the rulemaking process for "Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities." POP #112 is necessary to implement this rulemaking and get jurisdictions moving now on critical land use and transportation planning work to meet Oregon's climate goals. The POPs would also support:

More livable and affordable cities: The Oregon Statewide Transportation Strategy for climate pollution reduction calls for land use planning to support compact, walkable, bikeable, transit-rich communities where people can thrive while driving much less. These land use

patterns not only reduce climate emissions, but they also create safer, healthier environments with more access to jobs and services, and make it cheaper to move both people and goods.

Local assistance: Local jurisdictions need technical support and resources to make the Every Mile Counts program a success on the ground. The majority of the requested budget would be allocated toward resourcing local governments.

Equitable outcomes: Climate change, equity and environmental justice are not explicit considerations within any of Oregon's 19 statewide land use planning goals. POP #90 would support LCDC and DLCD in conducting a review of Oregon's land use planning goals and development of new rules for environmental justice, equity and climate.

We urge you to support the DLCD budget and all the requested POPs.

Sincerely,

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