

HOUSE BILL 2829 (SUPPORT) Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund

Senators and Representatives:

The undersigned coalition of outdoor recreation, sportsmen, and conservation organizations urges your support for House Bill 2829, establishing the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. The bill passed both the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means unanimously (one excused), and now moves to the floor for your consideration.

As Oregon's population grows, the complexity and costs of conservation and management of natural resources continue to increase. These issues are exacerbated by chronic underfunding of our state's natural resource agencies. Action is needed now to ensure that our children and grandchildren will continue to experience the diverse natural resources, abundant fish and wildlife, and outdoor recreation opportunities that we enjoy today.

The product of extensive discussions and bipartisan collaboration, House Bill 2829 provides greatly needed resources to help implement the Oregon Conservation Strategy and Nearshore Strategy, improve hunting and fishing opportunities, and expand opportunities for underserved communities to connect with the outdoors. It also recognizes and supports the role of the outdoors in our state economy and Oregonian's way of life.

Please vote yes on House Bill 2829 to help protect our state's natural heritage and outdoor recreation opportunities for future generations. Thank you for your consideration.

