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To: Chair Witt and Members of the House Committee on Natural Resources

From: Tom Whittaker, Wilsonville OR

Re: Information in Support of HB 2351



These images were taken of Butteville Road on February 12, 2019. The top photo is looking across the Willamette River at Mile 40 toward the road. The others are taken along Butteville Road.

I believe the photos demonstrate how close to the river Butteville road runs, how steep the slope toward the river is, how much serious erosion has already occurred, and how imperiled both shoreline and road are by this bank erosion. If the current accelerated rate of erosion on this stretch of the Willamette River continues, this road will be undermined and fail and shoreline habitat seriously diminished.

These photos present an example of the type of degradation now occurring along the Willamette River. HB 2351 will clearly define the State Marine Board's responsibility and authority to protect the river's shoreline, fish and wildlife habitat, as well as private and public property,.