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**Joint Press Release from Representatives McLain (D-Forest Grove) and Brock
Smith (R-Port Orford), Signing of HB 2437**

SALEM, OR –We thank Governor Brown for signing HB 2437 into law today. HB 2437 was the product of a long, thorough workgroup process where conservation groups, farmers, state agencies, and others came together to figure out how to best resolve confusion over whether farmers need a fill and removal permit to maintain their drainage ditches.

We support the governor’s desire for additional clarity in rulemaking to ensure our state’s natural waterways and wetlands are protected through this authorization. We look forward to working with all interested stakeholders on implementation of this bill to help maintain our critical farmland while protecting our wetlands and waterways. We are proud to have championed a bipartisan solution to a system that everyone admits was broken.

Respectfully,

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