



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Tim Sekerak
Chief Clerk
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, Room H-271
Salem, OR 97301

June 17, 2019

RE: Vote Explanation for HB 2437

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I voted no on HB 2437 because it is overly broad and has the potential to have unintended consequences for wetlands and streams. I have concerns about increasing the debris removal exemption by such a significant amount (from the current 50 cubic yards per linear mile to the proposed 3,000), which is even more troubling when considered along with the federal efforts to roll back the "Waters of the United States" protections.

Although I am sympathetic to the intent of this bill and I appreciate the compromises made to improve it, my no vote represents my hope that we will vigilantly monitor its effects when it is implemented. I trust that, if needed, we can return to the conversation in the future to improve protections of both our agricultural drainage infrastructure processes and our protections of streams and wetlands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Courtney Neron".

Representative Courtney Neron

