

Testimony

**Ornamental Horticulture Council**

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**In Favor of LD 1214**

**"An Act to Clarify the Laws to Combat Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Contamination"**

Senator Brenner and Representative Gramlich and members of the joint committee on Environment and Natural Resources, my name is Jesse O'Brien, I live in Portland and I am the spokesperson for the Ornamental Horticulture Council. Our group consists of greenhouses, arborists, garden centers, landscapers, Christmas Tree Growers, golf course superintendent's and turf care operators, all of whom care about the environment.

- We are **in favor of LD 1214**. Specifically, LD 1214 changes the definition of PFOS to align with the EPA's definition.
- We realize this is a complex subject
- We are also concerned of unintended consequences of not having "Tools in our Tool box" for pest outbreaks

Finally, we look forward as the research and solid science continues to evolve on these to deal with these PFAS chemistries.

Thank you for your time,

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