

Testimony

Ornamental Horticulture Council

Jesse O'Brien, Spokesperson

In Favor of LD 1678

"Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Study and Report on Soil Carbon Sequestration Incentive Programs"

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Pluecker and members of the joint committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, my name is Jesse O'Brien, I am from Portland and I am the spokesperson of Ornamental Horticulture Council, OHC. We consist of greenhouses, arborists, garden centers, landscapers, Christmas Tree Growers, Golf Course Superintendents and Turf Care operators. We have businesses throughout the State and employ thousands of people.

- **We support the Resolve of LD 1678**
- **Our Product, Living Plants, Produces Oxygen and Sequesters Carbon**
- **There has been lots of research over the decades of benefits of Trees and other Plants in the Urban/Suburban space not the least of is Carbon Sequestration. Even the typical lawn has a positive effect.**

Finally, we feel that urban/suburban spaces should be included by name in the resolves study as opposed to just the clause "including but not limited to".

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today.

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