

Dear Rep Reardon,

I am appalled by the House members wasting their time debating this resolution to try to get a constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to hunt, fish, trap and harvest wildlife.

There is probably no way enough Oregonians would vote for such an amendment to the State constitution. Oregon's wildlife does not just belong to hunters and fishers. It does not just belong to those who love to kill (who are they trying to fool with the word harvest, which suggests grain and not a living being).

If such a resolution did pass, I suspect Oregonians who want their wildlife to be sustained for viewing, photographing, and just generally protecting for the future, would have to start a process for an amendment to guarantee that the State of Oregon protect its wildlife for them by limiting or outlawing hunting altogether. How would those opposing amendments then be reconciled?

I hope you do not support the amendment being discussed (JR 16). I am angry that your committee is wasting time on it. I would like to be at the hearing on Tuesday, but also angry that I would have to take time away to attend such an annoying, waste of time hearing. There are many more important matters that the House should be concentrating on.

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