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Testimony of Brian Posewitz on Senate Bill 175 (2015)  
Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Chair Prozanski and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

My name is Brian Posewitz. I am here today representing a new organization called Humane Oregon. Humane Oregon was formed last year to help promote humane treatment of animals through participation in Oregon's political process and elections.

Humane Oregon supports passage of Senate Bill 175. While humane treatment of animals can mean different things to different people, most people agree it includes respecting laws designed to preserve and protect Oregon's wildlife. Senate Bill 175 would help encourage respect for Oregon's wildlife laws by reinstating enhanced penalties for certain egregious wildlife crimes – primarily repeat offenses committed with a culpable mental state.

Thank you again for considering my comments and I would be happy to answer any questions.