



Oregon Council Trout Unlimited

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Trout Unlimited Support for HB 3529

Chair Witt and Committee members-

I am here representing the 2800 members of Trout Unlimited here in Oregon. I am here in this committee to state TU 's support for HB 3529.

The concept of this bill is very well supported by Trout Unlimited. TU feels that this bill would provide a needed plan to come up with a media plan to promote wildlife use in Oregon, whether be hunting, angling and viewing. We need in this state to do a better job of promoting via the media the excellent opportunities we have in this state to hunt, fish and view.

On a personal note I have been hunting and angling since I was 5 years. I have enjoyed great hunting and fishing opportunities for many species across this beautiful state. Angling in particular, which I enjoy mainly with a fly rod, has offered me great contentment and enjoyment. I cannot imagine my life without having a fly rod in my hand or a shotgun on my shoulder. Other Oregonians need to understand wildlife opportunities in Oregon and how one can relate to them, whether be hunting, fishing and viewing.

So HB 3529 is a needed bill. I question about the license fee surcharges, just because license fee increases are a big topic right now. But if we can explore other funding options which are possible, I believe this bill can work.

So I urge the committee to pass HB 3529 and give us to form advisory Council to help us explore how we educate the public about wildlife and the activities we use to relate to them.

Tom Wolf,

Executive Director

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