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Hello:

This is a message for the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. I urge the committee to reject this bill in its entirety.

It is unnecessary. If the Oregon Legislature wishes to commend ODFW, it may use a resolution. This bill does not need to become statute.

It circumvents the Oregon Endangered Species act and sets a bad precedent by confirming through legislation, rather than science considered by the department, whether the Oregon Endangered Species act has been followed.

It prevents the public from using judicial review of an Oregon agency's decision.

It calls into question separation of powers (legislative, executive and judicial), a basic tenet of democratic government.

All in all, this is bad for Oregon, for Oregon's wildlife, and for all of us who treasure our beautiful state and our rights under a democratic process.

Thank you.

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