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Testimony of Humane Oregon on House Bill 2883 (2017)
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Chair Clem, Vice Chair McLain, Vice Chair Sprenger, and members of the Committee:

My name is Brian Posewitz. I submit this written testimony as a board member and administrator for Humane Oregon.

Humane Oregon is a non-profit organization formed in 2014 to advocate for animal welfare in Oregon's political process and elections. Although we have existed only a short time, we have an excellent reputation as a moderate but progressive animal welfare organization, with board members representing many different perspectives in Oregon's animal welfare community.

Humane Oregon supports HB 2883 because humane treatment of animals includes respect for Oregon's wildlife laws. HB 2883 would promote this by ensuring that hunters and anglers who violate the wildlife laws with a "culpable" mental state (meaning it was not just an accident) are not then able to set a bad example for others by serving as guides and outfitters.

Outfitters and guides hold a greater responsibility than others to promote wildlife stewardship because of their leadership positions. They simultaneously pose a greater threat to wildlife laws because of their ability to influence others.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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