

Dear Chair Clem and Committee members:

I am a volunteer and member of at least a half dozen wildlife conservation nonprofits, three of which started in Oregon. I am also on the advisory board for one nonprofit advocating for our wild apex predators.

As a veterinarian, I strongly value our wildlife for their intrinsic value, just as much as I do our domestic animals. Since I believe that our state's wildlife should be managed humanely and responsibly, I urge you to support HB 3228.

This legislation is important in that it requires nongame wildlife to be managed for their intrinsic value. This provides a means for Oregonians like me to have a strong voice in wildlife management. It broadens support for wildlife by expanding management from its current role of management solely from the aspect of hunting, trapping, and consumptive use.

Respectfully submitted,

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