

Dear Chair Clem and members of the committee,

As avid outdoors people, my husband & I strongly support HB 3228 and ask that you do too. We enjoy viewing all species of wildlife and spend a great deal of time and money when visiting local communities around Oregon when we venture out to birdwatch, mountain bike or camp. We regularly visit over a dozen Oregon counties on our outdoor excursions and we feel that as voters and tax payers, our opinions on wildlife management should carry as much weight as those that "harvest" wildlife. My husband has a degree in biology and I have a degree in history with a focus on American environmental history. All species play an important role in the ecosystem and have intrinsic value. But time and again it seems the only interests that are considered are those of the hunters and trappers and ranchers.

Many thousands of Oregon voters and tax payers spend time and money on non-harvest outdoor activities. Please help our voices be heard by supporting HB 3228.

Sincerely,

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