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Testimony of Humane Oregon on House Bill 2883 (2017)
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen, and members of the Committee:

Humane Oregon is a bi-partisan, non-profit organization formed in 2014 to help advocate for animal welfare in Oregon's political process and elections. We are a moderate but progressive animal welfare organization, with board members from many different parts of Oregon's animal welfare community.

Humane Oregon supports HB 2883 because we believe treating animals humanely includes respecting Oregon's wildlife laws. HB 2883 would help promote respect for the wildlife laws by increasing the consequences for outfitters and guides who violate the laws with a "culpable" mental state (meaning it was not just an accident).

HB 2883 also would promote respect for Oregon's wildlife laws by giving regulators more discretion to prevent outfitters and guides from continuing to serve as such if they kill wildlife in violation of the wildlife laws. This is important not only as a further consequence for the outfitters and guides, but also to keep those outfitters and guides from setting a bad example for others.

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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