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Testimony of Humane Oregon on House Bill 4015 (2018)
House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Chair Clem, Vice Chair McLain, Vice Chair Sprenger, and members of the Committee:

Humane Oregon was formed in 2014 to help advocate for humane treatment of animals 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. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Oregon supports House Bill 4015. This bill would provide and facilitate additional funding for the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife through an Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund.

We support this effort because humane treatment of animals includes protecting wildlife and its habitat, which in turn requires adequate funding for the Department. We also support HB 4015 because it would help reduce the Department's dependence on revenue from hunting and fishing licenses. The Department's funding sources should be broadened in this way because the Department manages all species of wildlife for all Oregonians, not just game species for people who hunt, trap and fish.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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