

From: [Debra Merskin](#)  
To: [Exhibits HNR](#)  
Subject: HB 2747  
Date: Saturday, February 16, 2019 1:15:19 PM

---

**Dear Chair Witt and Members of the Committee:**

**I'm writing to express my strong opposition to H.B. 2747, which will have the effect of further minimizing the voice of the vast majority of Oregonians who value wildlife for its own sake. As written, the bill would ensure that hunters, fishermen, agriculture, and timber have an outsized influence on setting wildlife policy, while also ensuring that those of us who want wildlife managed with decency and respect are effectively silenced. The bill takes us in the wrong direction, and should instead require that the makeup of the Commission mirror the demographics of Oregon, so that the majority who are not "consumptive users" have a greater voice in wildlife management policy. If this bill passes, we can expect more support for abusive wildlife management practices like trapping and trophy hunting, and for allowing the agriculture and timber industries to kill more and more wild animals in the interest of private profits.**

**Please stand for ALL Oregonians and vote NO on H.B. 2747. Thank you for your service and for considering my views.**

**Debra Merskin**

--

Debra Merskin, Ph.D.  
Professor  
School of Journalism & Communication  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR 97403

