From: Georgia Wier
To: Exhibits HNR

Subject: NO on HB 2747 for faulty wildlife management Date: Monday, February 18, 2019 10:12:34 PM

Dear Chair Witt and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to H.B. 2747. I speak as one of the many Oregonians who value wildlife for its own sake. I want to know that my tax dollars help Oregon's wild animals to remain free, safe, and unharmed in the wild. In HB 2747, the wildlife conservation community would have only one seat on the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission; five seats will go to recreational anglers, commercial fishing, hunting interests, agriculture, and logging interests. I do not think it fair that hunters, fishermen, agriculture, and timber should have such an outsized influence in setting wildlife policy.

The makeup of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission should mirror the demographic of Oregon so that those of us in the majority—who are not "consumptive users" of wildlife—have a greater voice in wildlife management policy. If this bill passes, we will see more support for abusive wildlife management practices like trapping and trophy hunting. Also, if the bill passes, I'm certain that agricultural and timber interests will be allowed to kill more and more wild animals in pursuit of their own profits.

Please stand for ALL Oregonians and vote NO on H.B. 2747.

Thank for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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