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Testimony in Support of SB 761

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Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery:

For the record I am Al Elkins representing the Oregon Hunters Association. OHA is here today in support of SB 761.

Over the years OHA has been a partner with landowners, legislators, and producers in finding solutions to elk challenges around the state. Mostly recently we have been involved with the elk damage problems in Clatsop County, Cold Springs and helping resolve issues that were brought forth in SB 670 a bill that was in this committee and dealt with elk damage and the issuance of damage tags to help curtail the problem.

As elk become more comfortable within city limit issues regarding public safety become apparent through collisions with vehicles and conflicts arise between those that see elk as pets and welcome them and those that want the elk removed.

OHA feels strongly that adding elk to the urban deer population control program definition will allow communities to reach out and address their problems with both deer and elk. SB 761 is a positive step forward for urban communities around the state.

We urge you support of SB 761.

That concludes my testimony I will be glad to answer any questions.