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**Testimony of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
HB 4130 – February 2, 2022**

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) strongly supports Representative Helms in his effort to improve safe passage of wildlife across our roads and highways.

HB 4130 is a proactive approach to advancing long term mitigations for the linear impacts to wildlife and habitat connectivity posed by the network of transportation corridors throughout the state.

CTUIR is committed to protecting all of our treaty reserved resources. The persistent and unnecessary loss to big game and other migratory wildlife populations is a threat to our culture and traditions. We believe HB 4130 is a good start to protecting our First Foods while addressing past impacts to wildlife migration and habitat connectivity.

The cost of implementing this proposal is dwarfed by the cost to society from lost wildlife, impacted property and human health associated with current conditions. This bill provides an opportunity to catch up with other western states that have stepped out early to address this need. We encourage your support.

Thank you for your consideration.