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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4080

"Please oppose House Bill 4080. This bill would allow special government districts to raise money for killing wildlife only because the animals *might* damage private property. House Bill 4080 would not require recipients of the money to use or even consider using alternatives that don't require killing the animals. Moreover, the money raised would go to the federal "Wildlife Services" program, which is known for cruel and unnecessary killing of wildlife as its preferred method of dealing with human-wildlife conflicts, using such methods as leg traps, snares, and aerial hunting. Such inhumane methods are not necessary and often increase problems with wildlife. Oregon should focus instead on finding peaceful ways to co-exist with wildlife."