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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 2527
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

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Chair Meek, Vice Chair Boquist, and Members of the Committee:

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports House Bill 2527. This bill would encourage private landowners to use or convert their land for wildlife conservation purposes by reducing ODFW duties, therefore increasing capacity in the program and enabling ODFW to support more conservation projects.

We support HB 2527 primarily because it would enable ODFW to support additional landowners in converting land currently being used for commercial or agricultural purposes into land which benefits native species and environments.

Habitat loss is the primary driver of biodiversity loss. By increasing ODFW's capacity, landowners in additional counties would be incentivized to participate in the program, increasing the amount of land used to benefit biodiversity.

We also believe that with more land being used for conservation, wildlife corridors could be connected, allowing wild animals to move around our state more freely and making them more likely to survive changes in seasonal weather or changes in competition for resources.

Thank you,

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