

Submitter: Joshua Marquis
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR5

Chair and members of the Committee.

My name is Joshua Marquis. I live in Astoria where for 25 years I was the elected District Attorney.

I have no objection to hunting per se, but this proposed Resolution would place hunting and the taking of wildlife and place it above all other uses of Oregon's public lands.

As an attorney I see this as terrible policy and in my county I had to mediate sometimes violent confrontations between people who LIVED adjacent to public lands and waterways, and others (often from the Portland Metro area) who sought to hunt or fish on those same lands.

I cannot think of anything that would have made that conflict worse than if the hunters could have relied on this proposed HJR to shove the homeowners into second-place when it came to the use of adjacent public lands.

I suspect some may see this as "rural v. urban," but speaking as someone from very much a rural county, this HJR is simply bad policy.

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