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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HJR5

Please oppose HJR 5, a resolution that sets a dangerous precedent to Oregon's democratic process, denying Oregonians of our right to use the ballot initiative process to update, modernize or improve wildlife conservation and protection. This resolution is poorly written and does not define 'traditional methods or manners' nor does it provide for future rules and laws protecting wildlife and plants that are already threatened. This Resolution would place hunting and the taking of wildlife and place it above all other uses of Oregon's public lands. It is inappropriate for the House Rules Committee to approve an amendment that would prevent the public from using our right to impact change related to our collective wildlife via the ballot initiative process and would weaken the ability of state agencies to manage and regulate activities. Our flora, fauna and fungi are diminishing worldwide, our agencies must do all they can within their power to protect what is left for our future generations.

Thank you for opposing HJR 5.