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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Measure: HB2999

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2999.

Aside from the boiler plate below, please be sensible about our greatest assets. Animal habitat has been decimated and the drought has exacerbated the problem.

Across Oregon, the combined effects of development, roads, climate change, and human activity are taking a toll on both wildlife and their habitat. HB 2999 would provide important support to help address wildlife habitat connectivity and motorist safety concerns across the state by:

Strengthening the Oregon Department of Transportation's program to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and implement mitigation projects.

Allocating \$5 million to support on-the-ground work to reconnect wildlife corridors, building upon previous investments by the legislature.

Improving Oregon's ability to compete for the unprecedented federal funding currently available through the IJA Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program and other federal grant programs.

For these reasons I strongly support HB 2999 and ask that you pass HB 2999 during the 2023 legislative session.

Sincerely,

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