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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3202

IN SUPPORT OF HB 3202

Please vote YES on H.B. 3202 (the Night Skies Protection bill) which can help curtail the damage done by light pollution to wildlife as well as human health.

House Bill 3202 builds on what other states have already done. Light pollution can disrupt carefully choreographed ecosystems including impacting animals' feeding habits, migration, and predator/prey relationships, and can have far-reaching effects on human health as well.

It's easier to protect our night skies while we still have them than to try to restore them once they are gone. As an amateur astronomer, I can deeply appreciate the importance of protecting and extending Oregon's dark skies. Our club, the Rose City Astronomers, regularly conducts public outreach events, and it is a privilege to guide city folks through the milky way, stars, planets, and even other galaxies which are difficult or impossible to see unless one is beneath dark skies.

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