

Submitter: Linda Perrine

On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB3086

I OPPOSE this bill because:

I urge the legislature to maintain a Fish and Wildlife Commission structure based on proportional representation - ensuring the public interest will be represented and that we have a diverse candidate pool that reflects Oregon's rapidly changing demographics.

According to the state's Membership Handbook for Boards and Commissions, it is important to keep in mind that members are appointed to serve the public at large. Under current law the Fish and Wildlife Commission consists of seven members, with five tied to each congressional district, one from east of the Cascades, and one from west of the Cascades. Redistricting –and the addition of a sixth congressional district - should NOT result in a wholesale redesign of how the Fish and Wildlife Commission is structured.