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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB3086

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Rep. Bobby Levy, Sen. Hansell, Rep. Owens, Members of the Committee I am submitting testimony to oppose HB 3086.

Because of Oregon's diverse geographic landscape, with the Cascade Mountain Range essentially dividing the State into wet and dry regions, we need to retain proportional representation on the Fish and Wildlife Commission to reflect and represent these disparate regions.

As written, the proposed HB 3086 will alter the composition of public representation at large, reducing the diversity of the Commission. The Commission provides more equitable representation as it is currently structured, and I support maintaining a seven-member commission. Considering recent redistricting requiring a change in the statute, I urge the legislature to support a technical solution rather than a complete revision.

Please oppose HB 3086, maintain the seven-member commission, and continue to support a Commission that represents all Oregonian's interest in fish, wildlife, and habitat management.

Thank You,  
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