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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB3086

I am writing to urge you to APPROVE HB 3086, as written.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission is a critical decision-making body that is appointed to represent the public interest in fish, wildlife and habitat conservation and management policy.

According to the wildlife policy of the state, "Wildlife shall be managed to prevent serious depletion of any indigenous species and to provide the optimum recreational and aesthetic benefits for present and future generations of the citizens of this state. In furtherance of this policy, the State Fish and Wildlife Commission shall represent the public interest of the State of Oregon..."

As written, HB 3086 would better represent the different regions that make up our great State. It is extremely important that each bioregion has adequate representation.

Despite what some groups are saying, proportional representation DOES NOT ensure the public interest will be represented equitably, in fact proportional representation means that Portland, Salem and Eugene gets most of the representation.

What needs to be represented is the diversity of land types and that is exactly how it will work with HB 3086 as written.

Drawing candidates based on population will only succeed in ensuring that higher density areas will get their say over those of less density.

Please APPROVE HB 3086.

Thank you,