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

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to ask that you pass this measure to reduce light pollution on state lands. I live in central Oregon and am witnessing the loss of our night skies even here in the high desert with the growth of Bend, Redmond, Prineville, and Madras. Oregonians cherish our outdoor resources and a spectacular night sky is a feature that I've valued for over 25 years living in the high desert. Our birds, insects, and pollinators depend on dark skies so that artificial light does not lead them astray and/or inadvertently kill them.

While LED lights have been fantastic for energy consumption, they are a bane to the night sky and low impact lighting. Glare and the bright, blue light they emit are catastrophic to animals navigating the night sky and blinding to my eye.

Please support this bill and let's begin to bring sensible lighting to Oregon.

Thank you for considering my opinion.  
Michelle McSwain