

Submitter: Chris Heffernan

On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB3052

Dear Members of the Legislative assembly,

My name is Chris Heffernan and as a farmer, rancher and private landowner in Union County I implore you to vote affirmatively on HB 3052. Over the past 31 years I have witnessed myself, my sons and my neighbors being subjected to ever increasing elk damage to our crops and face significant economic hardship every year because of this damage. Farmers in Union County grow a wide variety of specialty crops and is a significant producer of seed crops. The uniqueness of this crop diversity has the disadvantage of limited and often nonexistent crop insurance options to help mitigate the damage from wildlife. The creation of a task force to investigate these problems and more importantly develop fair and equitable solutions for all stakeholders is critical a successful long-term relationship between private landowners, the State and Oregon's citizens.

Sincerely,

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