Submitter: Patrick Baird

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3086

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Re: HB 3086-7

Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Kropf and Breese-Iverson, Members of the Committee,

As an avid outdoors person and a proud funder of conservation in Oregon, I am writing to support HB 3086-7. Wildlife and wild places deserve public process and warrant being insulated from the whims of politics. Our management of these valuable public-trust resources must reflect that.

The -7 amendment to HB3086 builds more regionally-diverse representation into the ODFW Commission. It better serves the management needs of fisheries, wildlife, and habitat in our state by ensuring that no region on the Oregon landscape wields disproportionate influence over another. This approach offers more Oregonians the opportunity to serve on the Commission, maintains a diversity of applicants, and better ensures equity in matters of wildlife management.

I strongly urge your support for HB 3086-7.

Thank you, Patrick Baird STEM Teacher & Raft Guide Enterprise, OR