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Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on House Bill 3086
House Committee on Rules

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

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon opposes House Bill 3086 as introduced and with the -2, -4, -7 or -8 amendments. We support the -1 or -3 amendments that were proposed when the bill was before the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water.

HB 3086 would update specifications for appointments to the Fish and Wildlife Commission, which is necessary because current specifications require appointment of five members by Congressional district while Oregon now has six Congressional districts.

As introduced, and with the proposed -2, -4, -7 or -8 amendments, HB 3086 would appoint five members by water basins instead of Congressional districts, plus two additional members based on water basins or whether they live east or west of the Cascade Mountains.

Humane Voters Oregon opposes HB 3086 as introduced (and with the -2, -4, -7 or -8 amendments) because it would result in some areas of the state being overrepresented relative to their populations. Members of the Commission should instead continue to be appointed primarily by Congressional districts, each of which have approximately the same number of people. That would ensure all Oregonians are represented more or less equally on the Commission.

Proportional representation on the Commission is important because the Commission should manage fish and wildlife for the benefit of all Oregonians equally.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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