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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB4148

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 4148, the Omnibus Wildlife Bill

This is a bill - a long time in coming. I strongly support its passage. The four (4) parts of this bill will help protect wildlife, our environment and people across Oregon by reducing wildlife conflicts (Wildlife Coexistence Program at ODFW), helping stop the spread of invasive species, reducing wildlife collisions (establishment of safe wildlife crossings on critical roadways), and responding to wildlife disease outbreaks (supports the OSU veterinary lab to track and document wildlife diseases). .HB 4148 represents a genuine and much needed investment in areas that are critical to protecting Oregon's wildlife. As wildlife comes under increasing pressure reducing conflicts, preventing the spread of invasive species, addressing disease outbreaks, and installing wildlife crossings in high hazard collision zones will only become more important--HB 4148 puts in place positive, proactive strategies to address these challenges.