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

Measure: HB4148

I would like to thank Representative Ken Helm for introducing HB 4148, the Omnibus Wildlife Bill.

The bill will help protect Oregon wildlife and the Oregon environment by preventing human-wildlife conflicts and inspire wildlife stewardship.

The bill would provide education and outreach to the Oregon community about living with wildlife.

The bill would provide grants for wildlife rehabilitation centers which support efforts to provide care for injured, sick and orphaned wildlife.

The bill provides for wildlife coexistence biologists who would provide the public with an outlet when faced with a conflict with wildlife, allowing for the community to feel supported by their wildlife agency and for the opportunity to implement nonlethal strategies.

HB 4148 is an opportunity to demonstrate Oregon's values of caring for our wild neighbors and furthering the mission of ODFW to "protect and enhance Oregon's fish, wildlife and their habitats for the use and enjoyment by present and future generations."