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Water

Measure: HB4148

I would like to extend my gratitude to Representative Helm for introducing HB 4148, the Omnibus Wildlife Bill, which would reducing wildlife convicts, help stop the spread of invasive species, reduce wildlife collisions, and respond to wildlife disease outbreaks.

Each part of this bill is imperative to the success of Oregon's future wildlife management strategy and generally will help protect wildlife, our environment and people across Oregon.

HB 4148 represents a wise 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.

With dual threats of poaching and the climate crisis, wildlife have never been more in need of the State's protection; nor has the science been clearer that resilient wildlife communities will play a major role in ecosystem resilience to climate change.

Thank you!