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Thank you for conducting this special session to consider additional transportation funding.

Because ODOT has been lax in its oversight of budgetary management, we are generally opposed to adding yet more taxes and fees until such budgetary management is brought under control.

That said, however, Oregon has lagged its neighboring states in the construction of wildlife crossings to connect wildlife migration corridors amongst a landscape crisscrossed with major highways. Congratulations on the construction of such a crossing across I-5 in the Siskiyou Mountains. As important as that is, it is not enough to mitigate the harm caused to wildlife - as well as human life - from highway collisions.

Therefore, we will support a bill IFF (if and only if) it contains an explicit provision to research and construct additional wildlife crossings (overpasses or underpasses as deemed appropriate in each circumstance) where they will do the most good to mitigate wildlife collisions.