



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

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House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Re: HB 2984 Support

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is Oregon's largest state-centric hunter conservation organization, representing over 12,000 sportsmen and women throughout 26 chapters in the state. Our mission is 'to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage' and we strongly support science-based wildlife and habitat management.

OHA supports HB 2984 and the funding allocation to the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund (OCRF).

The OCRF is a much needed funding source for conservation organizations seeking to improve habitat in a regionally specific manner. These local efforts are incredibly important to maintaining diverse wildlife and habitat on the larger landscape. Since its inception, the OCRF has awarded \$7.6 million to 167 projects spanning the entirety of the state.

The funding in HB 2984 enables the OCRF to continue its work with a nexus to water-specific projects. This type of dedicated fund appropriation is not new to the OCRF as it has facilitated similarly specified funds for water and drought resiliency projects in the past.

The OCRF is well supported by Oregonians in its efforts to support conservation. Over \$1.4 million in private donations have been received, reflecting over 20,000 individual pledges of support from citizens, businesses, and organizations. In fact, in the first year of its existence, the initial funding for the OCRF was primarily donated by Oregon's sportsmen and women who elected to donate \$10 when they purchased their licenses and tags.

OHA supports HB 2984 and the ongoing support it provides to the Oregon Conservation & Recreation Fund.

Thank you,
Amy Patrick
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