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I feel that it is our personal responsibility to support wildlife and the ecosystems we all share. That is why I am in support of the Wildlife Stewardship Program. I believe that this bill will help support important programs that help reduce potentially dangerous human-wildlife encounters, protect personal property, and provide resources for the community and wildlife. As communities in Oregon expand to more wildland habitats, we must act in ways that reduce these encounters and protect the environment. Individuals likely do not have the resources on their own to prevent such encounters, so we must support the organizations that have the knowledge and experience to reach the public. Many of the organizations that are in support offer FREE relocation and rehabilitation for wildlife. They also help keep the public informed and educated. These programs are necessary to keep Oregon citizens and wildlife protected and we should continue supporting them. Thank you.