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On Behalf Of: Wildlife crossings  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and Members of the Committee,

Please fund HB 2978 which will enable ODOT and ODFW to carry out projects to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.

I live in Mosier near the Columbia River. There is a real need for both animal overpasses and underpasses for safe wildlife passage across I84. Animals are cut off from the river by the freeway and often get killed. This is dangerous for both the animals and vehicle passengers. I've seen these wildlife overpasses used in Canada.

If Oregon is going to be competitive in capturing federal funding for wildlife crossings, we need to implement state programs and projects to improve motorist and wildlife safety.

Please support HB 2978 to protect our wildlife and our communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dooley