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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and members of the Committee,

I am sincerely writing to urge you to support HB 2977, a bill to secure long-term, dedicated funding to recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Oregon is an incredibly special place and the home of my family for many generations. It's also importantly home to a diverse array of flora, fauna, and the habitats that support them. Unfortunately, climate change and other natural and human-made impacts put their future at risk.

I am currently researching our native species, and teach my school-aged children about them constantly — to us they are like family, and we would do anything to protect our family. There are nearly 300 species of greatest conservation need and 11 habitats of conservation concern. To combat this — and ensure all species thrive in Oregon — we need bold, proactive investments in their recovery.

HB 2977 would do just that by providing a steady, sustainable source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity - all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

Please support "1% for Wildlife" by passing HB 2977 today.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Duffy