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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham and members of the committee,

I'm reaching out to ask for your support of HB 2977, a crucial bill that would provide dedicated, long-term funding to help protect Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and natural areas.

As a lifelong Oregonian, I've always appreciated the incredible variety of plants, animals, and incredible landscapes so it is so concerning that so many are under serious threat from climate change, habitat loss, and other growing pressures. Right now, nearly 300 species and 11 types of habitat are in urgent need of conservation.

HB 2977 would give the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife the reliable funding it needs to take action - restoring habitat, protecting biodiversity, strengthening anti-poaching efforts, supporting the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, improving wildlife crossings, and managing invasive species. These steps not only help wildlife but also support Oregon's outdoor recreation and tourism economy.

This bill is a smart, proactive investment in our state's natural heritage. Please vote yes on HB 2977.

I appreciate your time and attention to this!

~Chris Dodge