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The native wildlife and biodiversity are what make Oregon so incredibly special. We need a dedicated source of revenue to protect this wildlife, including our two native freshwater turtle species -- the northwestern pond turtle and the painted turtle -- and elk, bear, owls, salamanders, beavers, otters, salmon, etc. We need to improve our anti-poaching efforts for wolves and help ranchers reduce conflicts with wildlife. We need to advance connectivity to support Oregon's native wildlife. All of that is possible if this bill is passed. ODFW and the state's Department of Agriculture and Conservation Corps are crucial to advancing projects that benefit wildlife and habitat throughout the state, and they can't do it without dedicated funding. Thank you.