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On Behalf Of:

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I support 1.25% for wildlife for many reasons.

- The Oregon Coast is a tourist destination due to the natural wonders of wildlife.

Without healthy ecosystems, there is less ecotourism.

- Protecting Oregon's species and habitats not only insures ecotourism, it can create ecosystem resiliency.

- Kelp forests sequester more carbon than rainforests, this bill could help with the potential reintroduction of sea otters to their home on the Oregon Coast.

- Sea otters help create more resilient kelp forests and estuaries in an ever changing climate.

If passed, this legislation would provide Oregonians a once in a generation opportunity to make huge strides in wildlife protection.