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This bill must be passed. It is imperative that wildlife rehabilitation centers, conservation programs and other similar facilities begin to receive more stable financial support. As a rehabilitation and education center, we bring in ~2,000 wildlife patients per year that are sick, injured or orphaned. We educate the public about wildlife conservation and living in harmony with wildlife. We receive thousands of phone calls each year and spend \$50,000-\$80,000 monthly to run our facility. Currently we rely almost entirely on public donations, as grants are very hit-or-miss. There are not enough grants to properly support the wildlife and conservation facilities in Oregon. Public donations have not increased and have actually gone down in some years. We need a stable income to continue being able to support the community and the native fauna.