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Subject: Written testimony for HB 2747, Relating to requirements for membership on the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.
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Thank for for accepting my written testimony regarding proposed bill HB 2747, requirements for membership on the State Fish and Wildlife Commission. I was unable to attend in person due to car trouble.

Most Oregonians are decent, compassionate people. We love the outdoors, observing wildlife and enjoying the beauty that is Oregon. We hike or camp with our friends and families or enjoy the solitude and renewal we find in Oregon's wilderness. We want to shot animals and wildlife with our cameras and observe their home in a respectful and thoughtful manner. The vast majority of people that enjoy outdoor Oregon do with no desire to kill animals for sport of fun. 94% of Oregonians do not hunt, yet ODFW is funding almost 50% of it's efforts with our hard-earned taxpayer dollars to go to hunting and non-recreational use. So, 94% of Oregonians that don't hunt are paying 50% of the bill, (2017-19 Biennium Legislatively Adopted Budget). We don't want to "harvest" animals like elk and cougar, the term ODFW uses to soften what they really do, which is to violently kill animals, any more than we want deranged, angry men with guns to "harvest" innocent people in mass shootings. This is certainly taxation without representation to our citizens.

And now you want to only allow one member of the already stacked ODFW Commission that favors hunting and killing predators to be from a conservational, non-violent background regarding wildlife.

ODFW clearly states in its latest budget the issues the agency is facing regarding declining revenues from hunting and fishing in its 2017-19 Biennium Legislatively Adopted Budget Page 468:

"Outlook for Angling and Hunting License and Tag Revenues In the long run, changing demographic and social factors may depress sales of sport licenses and tags. While the overall state population is increasing at a moderate rate, hunting and fishing participation rates have been gradually declining in recent decades. Participation rates have been relatively stable the last few years. Oregon's population is becoming more urbanized, with a greater number of alternative leisure activities. In addition, the population's age composition is gradually changing toward a higher proportion of older people. Outdoor recreation participation rates generally tend to decline with age, so license sales may turn out to be somewhat less than expected for a given population. Also, seniors are eligible for lower cost license types (Senior Citizen and Pioneer), which would mean less revenue per license sold for the agency."

So, if 94 % of Oregonians don't participate in these activities, why are you only wanting to allocate a 10% stake on the ODFW Commission? Please allow true democracy to work in regard to our wild spaces and let your citizens have a meaningful voice on the ODFW Commission!

Respectively Submitted,

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