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Amended Testimony Before the Oregon House Natural Resources Committee

Subject: HB 2841 – Allows ODFW to refuse to disclose certain information

Chairman Witt and Members of the Committee:

I am David Wiley a member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. I live at 430 NW Hartmann Ave, Sublimity, Oregon. Today I am speaking for The Elk Foundation.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation strongly supports **the concepts in** HB 2841 which would provide authority for ODFW, under strict guidance, to refuse to disclose certain information regarding sensitive wildlife and fisheries information, information that if irresponsibly exploited would endanger the subject species. HB 2841 also sets forth the requirements of the recipient of sensitive information when and if ODFW determines that disclosure is reasonable and prudent.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation requests HB2841 be favorably viewed by the Committee and moved forward to the full House of Representatives with a Do-Pass recommendation.

Thank you.

Questions?

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