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Testimony on HB-3088
Paul Donheffner, Legislative Comm. Chairman

OHA is in support of HB-3088, and has already submitted testimony on HB-3035 which is a very similar bill dealing with the issue of egregious poaching, or so called "spree killing" in which persons are charged with multiple counts of taking or wasting wildlife, often multiple species, in what amounts to organized killing.

OHA believes it is very important to raise the consequences for such senseless killing and waste of game. These cases don't involve hunting, it's more like organized crime involving illegal take of wildlife. These bills will also assist in deterrence, by allowing ODFW and OSP to make it clear that there are serious consequences for these crimes.

At this point, either bill will do the job for us. HB-3035 has language that is much more specific with regard to the types of wildlife we're talking about, and for that reason might be a more preferred version, but that's up to the committee.

OHA believes that legislation to address this problem of "spree killing" or gross poaching may be the most important thing we can do this session to protect our wildlife and send a message that there are serious consequences for these senseless crimes.