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Testimony in Support of HB 3152

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Chair Witt and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources:

For the record I am Al Elkins representing the Oregon Hunters Association (OHA). OHA supports HB 3152 a bill that gives ODFW authority to operate wildlife inspection points for purposes of preventing the spread of infections or infestations harmful to wildlife and to further wildlife management efforts.

HB 3152 is patterned after Oregon's watercraft check points that are currently in place. The wildlife checkpoints would require an operator of a vehicle transporting wildlife or parts of wildlife to stop when arriving at a wildlife inspection checkpoint. This is similar to what those pulling watercraft must do when they come upon a watercraft check point.

The checkpoints will not only allow inspectors to enforce laws related to the unlawful importation of deer, elk or moose harvested from known CWD states, it will also help to deter poaching, the unlawful taking of wildlife, by allowing inspectors to monitor compliance of lawful harvest of wildlife by directly communicating with those that hunt and fish.

HB 3152 will help keep Oregon's wildlife disease free and aid in catching those that violate wildlife laws. OHA asks for your support of HB 3152.

That concludes my testimony, I will be glad to answer any questions.