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Chair Golden and members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery:

For the record I am Al Elkins representing the Oregon Hunters Association. The Oregon Hunters Association supports HB 2068 as written.

For the past 38 years the Landowner Preference Program (LOP) has provided landowners who qualified controlled hunt tags for buck deer and bull elk for as reward for providing habitat for these animals and property damage caused by these animals. OHA believes that over the years this program has proven to be successful.

We support the sunset removal on this well-established program and agree with ODFW that the program should be made permanent. If landowners have concerns about the program, they can voice their concerns during the "Public Forum" section on the Fish and Wildlife Commission agenda at each meeting. They can come before the Legislative Assembly to resolve any issue.

The Oregon Hunters Association asks you to support HB 2068 as written.

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