

## HB 4130 – Wildlife Corridors

Testimony by Terry J. Harris, Sierra Club Oregon Chapter Legislative Committee House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources - February 2, 2022

The Sierra Club Oregon Chapter submits this **testimony in favor or HB 4130-1**, a measure that would appropriate \$7 million to the Oregon Department of Transportation in an effort to improve wildlife corridors and reduce wildlife-involved vehicle collisions. We strongly support this modest measure to protect the safety of both wildlife and thousands of unlucky Oregon drivers.

The bill's modest commitment to improve safe and effective crossings for wildlife will pay dividends for many Oregon motorists who will avoid dangerous and expensive accidents with large wildlife species, and for the many animals that won't be killed for simply taking the wrong route through their range of habitat. We thank the sponsors and the committee for bringing this bill forward, and we urge a favorable vote.

The Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club represents some 63,000 members and supporters as the state chapter of the oldest conservation organization in the United States.

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