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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR5

By passing HJR 5, the state would not alter the conservation and management of Oregon's natural resources. The department would still steward with the best interests of the wildlife and habitat in mind. This bill would protect the right to hunt, fish, gather, and forage from those outside of the department who would seek to cancel it. Allowing any action to negatively impact these rights would endanger families and people who have for years and generations relied on themselves to put food on the table. These individuals who find their food in the mountains and waters of Oregon are not the threat to wildlife and wild places. They condemn poachers and illegal harvesting of plants and animals. Punishing them by limiting their access to legally acquired food will only hurt legitimate hunting and gathering. Please reward their stewardship of these resources by passing HJR 5 and adding an amendment to the state constitution for the Right to Food.