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Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR5

HJR 5, is a resolution that sets a dangerous precedent to Oregon's democratic process, denying Oregonians of our right to use the ballot initiative process to update, modernize or improve wildlife conservation and protection.

As a person who works on a variety of issues concerning our dwindling wildlife habitat, please be aware that this Proposed Resolution has been submitted to the Fish and Game Commissions in a number of States and using THE EXACT SAME LANGUAGE. This proposal is quite obviously being circulated throughout the hunting community and is being billed as some kind of insurance to make sure that their hunting "rights" will be sacrosanct, no matter what the situation will be in the future. As professional wildlife biologists know, the hunting or non hunting which is allowable should always be based on SCIENTIFIC principles such as carrying capacity...and not only on what a group of politicians in a State Legislature decide.

Citizens initiatives and other ways that the Public have to influence any policy decisions made on any part of OUR commonwealth, whether that involves public lands or public wildlife, are a crucial part of what we loosely call Democracy, which we should all be allowed to partake in whether we are subsistence or Trophy Hunters or non-hunters. And no one group should be able to exclude the other group from exercising a common public opinion .

Thank You for Your Attention

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