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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HJR5

HJR 5 is proposing 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.

Not only does it circumvent the ballot initiative process, it also severely restricts the ability of Oregon government to respond to environmental changes affecting wildlife and wild foods. This bill ranks the right to hunt over the right of endangered species to survive. This is not the way to protect our environment.

Where will this constitutional change leave us in the future when wildlife and habitat are highly endangered from over use, over hunting and all the climate changes we are facing?

Thank you,
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