



## Representative Bobby Levy

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Chair Helm, Vice Chair Hartman, Vice Chair Owens, members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Bobby Levy, state representative for House District 58. I am testifying today to express my support for House Bill 2999.

According to the Pew Research Center, an estimated 1 million to 2 million crashes between motor vehicles and large animals such as deer occur every year in the U.S., causing approximately 200 human deaths, 26,000 injuries, and at least \$8 billion in property damage and other costs. HB 2999 takes a two-pronged approach to addressing wildlife collisions in Oregon, beginning with needed changes to the Department of Transportation's wildlife-vehicle collision program. The bill requires the department to study recommendations for ongoing funding strategies for the program. This legislation also directs ODFW to carry out projects supporting species mobility and habit connectivity within Priority Corridors mapped out in the Oregon Conservation Strategy. As stewards of Oregon's bountiful natural resources, we are obligated to take care of our animals by maintaining safe transportation routes, and HB 2999 sets us on the path to do just that. I urge you to support this bill.

Best,  
Rep. Bobby Levy, HD 58