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On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and  
Water

Measure: HB3159

I support HB 3159.

Wild salmon spawning in Oregon's streams, white pelicans leisurely floating in Klamath marshes, and majestic gray whales migrating along the coast; Oregon is fortunate to be home to such a unique and diverse range of native fish, wildlife and plant species. It's what makes our state so special. However, because of mounting pressures from climate change and the biodiversity crisis, the truth is that nearly 300 of them are at an elevated risk of extinction. As Oregonians, we must do what we can, now to protect these species.

While the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategy are the most effective tools for recovering Oregon's vulnerable species, unfortunately, these programs have been under-funded and under-resourced to meet the growing challenges plaguing fish, wildlife and habitat. That's why we need the Oregon legislature to step up to the plate and prioritize wildlife conservation before it's too late. We must fully fund the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategy so we can be truly effective in wildlife conservation for Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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