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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3202

I urge you to support HB 3202, the Oregon Night Sky Protection Act, which will reduce light pollution across Oregon by requiring outdoor lighting fixtures on state lands to be shielded, to be no brighter than necessary, and to use lighting with a color temperature no greater than 3,000 Kelvins.

This bill aims to reduce the unnecessary and oftentimes excessive outdoor artificial light at night that imperils millions of night migrating birds, disrupts carefully choreographed ecosystem functions, interferes with human health and safety, wastes money and energy, contributes to climate change, and damages dark sky tourism.

HB 3202 demonstrates the state's leadership in taking a critical step toward curtailing the growing threat to our night skies, our wildlife, and our own human health. Many other states have already established bills to protect their night skies — it's past time for Oregon to get to work on addressing this issue. It's easier to protect our night skies while we still have them than to try to restore them once they are gone.

Please support HB 3202. Thank you.