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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB3086

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The Honorable Chair Helms and members of the House Agriculture, Land Use,  
Natural Resources and water committee.

As an Oregon Fish & Wildlife Pioneer hunting license holder that enjoys the  
opportunity to hunt in rural Eastern Oregon, I urge your support of HB 3086 -2  
amendment, providing HANDS-ON, BALANCED representation across the entire  
state.

With the unique diversity of wildlife found on the dry side of our state, I believe better  
management decisions would be made relative to the actual situation by those  
familiar with the actual place for both critters and citizens. A River Basin  
Management Model just makes more sense than using political districts (which don't  
seem to be working out real well for people management right now).

Having wildlife sanctuaries, fish hatcheries and staff in all these watershed districts  
allows ODFW to understand issues and propose appropriate improvements.  
Shouldn't the ultimate decision makers, the ODFW Commission, also be more  
intimately familiar with the habitat, wildlife and residents they are making those  
decisions for?

With Best Regards,

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