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On Behalf Of: Myself

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

Measure: HB3086

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Committee Chair Ken Helm  
Committee Vice Chair Annessa Hartman  
Committee Vice Chair Mark Owens  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Statement of Support for HB 3086

Chair Helm and Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens,

I am writing to you today to voice my support of HB 3086 as written or with the -2 amendment, relating to updating the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) Commission structure.

As someone who has immersed myself into our state's wild lands and waters, and has made the conscious decision to be an active participant in those ecosystems, I understand that wildlife management is anything but simple. Much like the diversity of landscapes and wildlife we have within our borders, Oregon is home to a highly diverse set of lived experiences as it relates to wildlife, wildlife interactions, and wildlife management, and the relationships to these one builds within their community is a far more valuable trait than the letter next to their name.

This level of complexity demands a governing body that is equally robust and diverse. This is why a regional representation model based on the five major river basin management areas as proposed in this legislation, is the best opportunity to ensure that management decisions for all of Oregon's amazing natural resources, wildlife, and habitat needs are represented in a truly diverse Commission structure.

Thank you,  
Ian Isaacson