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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB3086

I oppose this bill because it moves away from proportional representation, which seems the best way to maintain a diverse ODFW Commission and one that reflects Oregon's shifting demographics. It's important that the Commission not be made of up those representing mainly their special interests, because that almost insures that those who want to protect Oregon's wildlife will be outnumbered and outvoted. Protecting our wildlife for all citizens of the state, present and future, is not a special interest but rather is the basic mandate of ODFW. The make-up of the Commission should be such that that mandate is more likely to be respected and carried out.