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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3202
To Oregon Lawmakers:

I hope that you will be a yes vote for House Bill 3202, in order to protect our ecosystem against the damages caused by light pollution.

Many other states have taken such steps already. Behavioral and hormonal changes in animals due to over-illumination can have far-reaching effects on public health as well. In that sense, illumination can upset "the balance of nature", ie., through interfering with migrating birds' flight routes. Also, I think the artificial light could affect plant life from spring root emergence to cultivated seed crops.

Protecting our night skies while we still have them is easier than trying to restore them once they are gone. Oregon is a state which devotes much land to agriculture, maintaining the forest both farmed and wild. Let's help out the state by passing HB 3202.

Thank you,
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