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On Behalf
Of:

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

Measure: HB3086

I am writing today in opposition to HB 3086 which would result in areas of our state being overrepresented relative to their populations while also discouraging diversity on the Commission. This bill is being championed by people and industries with political and business motives, and, if successful in passing, would decrease the voice of the public at-large. Let's remember Oregon is for the people, not just business and special interest groups and we are all invested and we should all have a say in how our state, land, and wildlife is cared for, preserved, protected, and by god, represented.

HB 3086 is a concerning move away from equal representation and moves toward politically motivated models that prioritize land and industry representation. These changes would have a gross negative impact on the fair, neutral, unbiased view and direction of management, protection, and conservation of our state's wildlife and habitat in perpetuity. Quite frankly, that is terrifying to me! I would hate to think our state leaders, representatives, the people in a position of power and decision making would ever let that happen. Please consider carefully the direction this would take us.