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On Behalf Of: Oregon Cattlemens Association  
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To: Committee Chairman Fahey, Vice Chairs Breese-Iverson and Knopf, and committee members

From: Dennis P. Sheehy (Wallowa County Rancher, Oregon Cattlemen's Wildlife Committee Chairman)

Ref/ Testimony relative to HB 3086-7

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB 3086-7. This Bill addresses restructuring the appointment protocol for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission. I was unable to present my testimony during the virtual session on 5/23/23 due to technical problems.

1. I fully support the points expressed in the letter supporting appointment to the commission by river basin presented to the Rules Committee by the Coalition of Stakeholders that includes the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.
2. The River basin model for appointments is a common-sense approach. The approach is more representative of Oregon's diversity of people, fish and wildlife and the habitat needed to support them.
3. This model for appointment provides a forum at a regional level to equitably address fish and wildlife issues and inform the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's management direction.
4. This model realizes that most issues in a river basin are, to some degree, interconnected (e.g., Salmon passage, migratory populations of mule deer and elk, etc.). As such, the model will increase the opportunity to find and apply relevant solutions to issues of each River Basin .
5. The model for appointment to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission as presented in HB 3086-7 is rationale. Please support passage of HB 3086-7.

Thank You,  
Dennis P. Sheehy