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On Behalf
Of:

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Water

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First of all I would like to thank Ken Helm for introducing HB 4148! This bill will help protect wildlife, our environment, and people across Oregon by preventing human-life conflicts, inspiring wildlife stewardship, supporting wildlife rehabilitation efforts, reducing wildlife collisions and responding to wildlife disease outbreaks. Wildlife rehabilitation centers are an invaluable resource for our community and its wildlife. The much-needed grants provided in HB 4148 would bolster their efforts to provide care for injured, sick and orphaned wildlife. The new wildlife coexistence biologists included in this legislation would provide the public with an outlet when faced with a conflict with wildlife, allowing for the community to feel supported by their wildlife agency and for the opportunity for nonlethal strategies to be implemented, thereby saving the lives of wild animals.

I heartily support HB 4148 and ask that you all do as well. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this extremely important legislation!

Sincerely,

Patricia Bowman