



OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

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RE: HB 3131

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is Oregon's largest state-centric hunter conservation organization, representing over 12,000 sportsmen and women throughout 26 chapters in the state. Our mission is 'to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage' and we strongly support science-based wildlife and habitat management.

OHA appreciates the opportunity to voice our support for HB 3131 and the funding of the Oregon Agricultural Heritage Program (OAHP) at \$17.3 million.

OAHP's innovative projects help farmers conserve important wildlife habitat, grow rural economies, and protect working agricultural lands across Oregon. The state funding is also used to leverage important federal conservation programs like the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, protecting the wetlands and waterfowl that all Oregonians appreciate and enjoy.

OHA supports Oregon's working lands and the benefits they provide to habitat and wildlife across the state. Thank you for the opportunity to express OHA's support for the OAHP and HB 3131.

Thank you for your time,
Amy Patrick
Policy Director