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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2980

Please accept my testimony in support of HB 2980. We need the Wildlife Stewardship Program to help prevent bad outcomes from human-wildlife interactions. Witness the human-bear conflict in Eugene, because folks keep their garbage outside. Or the bear that had to be euthanized after a business in Creswell was feeding it. Or the wolves being poached in eastern Oregon. Better education could prevent these tragedies.

We need better emergency medical care for wildlife, and this bill would support our wildlife rehab centers.

The Wildlife Stewardship Program was developed by a diverse task force and is supported by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and a strong coalition. I hope you will support it as well.

Thank you,

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