

Statement of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance

In support of House Bill 2980

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, Oregon. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance. The Oregon Land And Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in support of this bill on behalf of OLAWA, and its Board of Directors.

We support HB 2980 as a step in the right direction for all Oregonians, and we urge this body to pass this bill.

Oregon needs a wildlife stewardship program to support wildlife rehabilitation centers for injured or abandoned wildlife in a way that keeps the "wild" in wild animals, so that they can be returned to their home environment. As residents of this beautiful State, we share our homes and natural resources with the wild animals who were here before us, and we have a responsibility to be good stewards of our shared resources.

This is a good bill that deserves your support.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this issue.

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