

HUMANE VOTERS OREGON

<u>Testimony of Humane Voters Oregon on HB 2978</u> <u>House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water</u>

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

Humane Voters Oregon is a nonprofit organization that works in Oregon's political process and elections to promote humane treatment of animals. We are not affiliated with any other state or national organization.

Humane Voters Oregon supports HB 2978.

HB 2978 would do a variety of things to promote projects that make it easier for wildlife to cross highways. Improving wildlife highway crossings is a true win-win. It helps animals by allowing them to migrate more freely, which is important to their ability to find food and shelter, and to reproduce, as seasons and weather change. It also helps animals by reducing the likelihood they will be killed or injured by moving vehicles.

Reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions is good for people, too. It prevents property damage to vehicles as well as safety risks to drivers and passengers.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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