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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2980

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the creation and funding of grant program, HB 2980. Like so many of us, my husband and I live in Oregon because of the beautiful landscape and the amazing wildlife all around us. We believe that wildlife is critical to our ecosystem and we humans can continue to support and make sure they continue to thrive in their habitat. Without resources to help in situations of human-wildlife conflicts, we will continue to see, in my opinion, increase in conflicts and/or decreases in populations of our precious wildlife. (Especially those that are endangered).

It is our responsibility, as humans, to do better for our wildlife. Find ways to decrease and/or mitigate human-wildlife conflicts and if it one should occur, to have resources to make it better or to support the lives of our wildlife. This funding is so crucial to strengthen the partnership between the State and wildlife centers, demonstrate alignment in messaging, and very importantly - enhance financial sustainability, one of wildlife centers biggest barriers. Without these centers to support us locally through education and incidences of human-wildlife conflict, it will impact one of our most valuable resources, in Oregon, our wildlife. Please help us to protect this precious resource and continue to support our beautiful state.

Best,

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