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As Oregon seeks to mitigate its housing shortage, more and more situations will arise where Humans and wildlife find themselves in close proximity to one another. HB2980 will facilitate the management of these relationships in a scientific manner for the benefit of both Humans and wildlife, and allow us to be proactive rather than reactive.

I am eighty years old and have lived in Oregon all my life. One of the reasons I have stayed here is the wealth of wildlife in the suburban area where I live. Passage of HB2980 will fund biologists to help make these interactions beneficial to all concerned.

Tourism is very important to Oregon's economy. When people come to Oregon for the first time and see interactions between residents and wildlife done in a scientific and humane manner; they are more likely to want to come back to Oregon and spend some money, or even become residents themselves.

Please join me in supporting HB2980 The Oregon Wildlife Stewardship Program.