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On Behalf Of: The Intertwine Alliance  
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2984

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

On behalf of The Intertwine Alliance, I would like to express strong support for HB 2984's allocation of \$1.5 million to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund (OCRF).

The Intertwine Alliance is the Portland metro region's coalition of 80 public, private and nonprofit organizations advocating for investments in parks, trails, greenspace and equitable access to nature.

OCRF is one of the few dedicated programs that focuses on the implementation of the Oregon Conservation Strategy, our state's wildlife action plan. It's also one of the few funding sources for local and grassroots organizations to promote conservation, and to make the outdoors accessible to more Oregonians. It creates more partnership and collaborative opportunities between ODFW and local conservation organizations, which is more critical now than ever.

OCRF has been a big success and has had many positive impacts in our communities. We believe it's important and should be continued.

Thanks for your time and hard work.

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