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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment RE: HB 2375 Support

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Levy and Gamba, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is Oregon's largest state-centric hunter conservation organization, representing over 12,000 sportsmen and women throughout 26 chapters in the state. Our mission is 'to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage' and we strongly support science-based wildlife and habitat management.

HB 2375 requires the installation of light-mitigating technology systems, when approved, on new or updated wind energy facilities. OHA supports this requirement as it prioritizes conservation needs alongside Oregon's renewable energy goals.

OHA supports this comprehensive approach to improvements in renewable energy systems that takes into account the needs of local communities, as well as wildlife and habitat, while creating reasonable qualifications within appropriate implementation timelines.

Thank you for your time, Amy Patrick OHA Policy Director