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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2342

I sincerely OPPOSE HB 2342 House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

HB2342 is too expensive across the gamut of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) services.

ODFW's fees are already too expensive.

#### FISHING:

Oregon Fishermen should not have to purchase expensive Licenses and/or Endorsements. Fees hoisted upon Commercial Fishermen are pricing them out of the marketplace. Not only that, fish price increases add to inflationary pressures in the economy. ODFW's stewardship protecting salmonid fishes from being annihilated by "Seals" is less than pathetic. Seal" populations have exploded and immediate remedy is required.

#### DEER/ELK::

ODFW's stewardship of managing Deer and Elk populations is atrocious. Deer and Elk populations need to be significantly culled. Deer and Elk are causing widespread damage to the agricultural and ranching economies. Oregon Hunter's should not have to purchase expensive "Deer and Elk Tags."

#### WOLVES:

Wolves" are an increasing in numbers and their ranks need to be "thinned." Cattle and other farm-related animals are being killed. Depredation payments are not adequate and or expedient.

#### QUESTION:

\*\*\*How much Federal Money to ODFW for wildlife and fish operations is allocated to "Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI)?"

\*\*\*How much of ODFW's state budget allocation is being wasted on DEI?

\*\*\*Review ODFW's DEI program below:

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<https://www.dfw.state.or.us/agency/DEI/docs/ODFW%20Diversity%20Equity%20and%20Inclusion%20Plan%202024.pdf> ]

This bill needs stopped dead in its tracks.

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Concerned Oregonian!