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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362  
Co-Chair Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Davis, and Members of the Committee:

I am an Oregon resident asking you to support HB 3362.

Each year in Oregon, there are over 7,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions with large animals. On average, four people die and over 500 people are seriously injured. The cost of these collisions on Oregon roadways is likely more than \$100 million each year.

Wildlife crossing structures are a proven, popular, and cost-effective technique to improve public safety and restore habitat connectivity.

Oregon needs a permanent source of funding to implement state programs and projects to improve motorist and wildlife safety. Permanent funding would:

Improve the safety of Oregon's roadways

Remove barriers to wil

I'm emailing you on behalf of HB 3362, in support of a permanent funding source for wildlife crossing structures. Living in Central Oregon, I see considerable remnants of wildlife-vehicle collisions on the roadways while traveling to and from Bend where I reside. I know of several acquaintances that have experienced a collision personally, and heard numerous accountings of close calls. It's devastating, not to mention expensive and unnecessary. Wildlife crossing structures are a solution that is a proven, popular, and cost-effective technique to improve public safety and restore habitat connectivity. Providing a permanent source of funding for those structures would solve this problem.

Please support HB 3362 and make our roads safer while protecting wildlife too. It's a win-win.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Becky Stephenson