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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 a Bend, OR resident writing to urge you to SUPPORT o 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 - not to mention the dramatic effect on wildlife populations. The cost of these collisions on Oregon roadways is likely more than \$100 million each year.

Fortunately, there is a solution. 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 for wildlife
- Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding

Please protect both our wildlife and our communities by supporting HB 3362.

Thank you for your attention and consideration!

Respectfully,  
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