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On Behalf Of:	
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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.

Wildlife crossing structures are a proven, popular, and cost-effective technique to improve public safety. As our population grows, more and more wildlife is displaced. Providing crossing provides wildlife a connection to more habitat. 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 and remove barriers to wildlife.

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

Thank you, sincerely, for your time and consideration!

Regards, Christine Mellon Bend, OR