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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 for your support of HB 3362.

Each year in Oregon, over 7,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions with large animals occur. On average, four people die and over 500 people are seriously injured--at a cost of over \$100 million each year.

Supporting this bill provides a sustainable, non-brainer solution: wildlife crossings! 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 wildlife

!! Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding

Please show your support for all Oregonians and protect both our wildlife and our communities by supporting HB 3362.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

With kind regards,

Ashley