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This bill adds little to the cost of tires, but can do a whole lot to save not only human lives, but save costs to taxpayers ultimately, for emergency responses to crashes from cars and trucks colliding with wildlife in the areas of highest crossings. We need a lot of these crossings in such highly traveled areas of high wildlife movement. One car can hit or swerve to avoid a deer or other large wildlife, and cause multiple collisions. Some areas in Europe are way ahead of the U.S. on these; Canada has a number of them and has for some time. It is time we caught up here in Oregon.