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Wildlife-vehicle collisions are bad for people, and they're bad for wildlife. It's a real problem in Oregon, with 7,000 collisions on average every year. An average of four Oregonians each year die in this manner annually, and hundreds are seriously injured in these tragic incidents.

Along with lost human and animal life, deer collisions cost \$114 million per year and elk collisions have cost Oregonians an estimated \$26 million-But there is a solution- Existing crossings on U.S. 97 in Oregon have reduced deer collisions by more than 90 percent.

Most Oregon voters support increases in funding to build more crossings! Please pass House Bill 3362 to help ensure that roads are safer not just for wildlife, but for people as well.

Thank you,
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