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I support House Bill 3362 that raises funding for wildlife crossing planning and construction. Oregon is behind in building over and underpasses and this funding will allow the state to begin to catch up to our neighboring states. Funding is critical at the state level to also provide matching funds for federal grants available for wildlife crossings. ODOT has recently been awarded \$33 million for a crossing in southern Oregon that proves Oregon can compete for federal dollars and ODOT is supportive of projects. Additional wildlife crossing construction is important for habitat connectivity throughout the state.

Thank you.