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Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

Please accept these comments on behalf of the Lane County Audubon Society urging you to support House Bill 3362 and protect wildlife. Lane County Audubon Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the conservation of and education about our natural environment, with a primary focus on birds and other wildlife and their habitats.

The Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Reduction Fund will reduce the number of wildlife injured or killed by vehicles and concomitantly, protect people from impact with large animals. Wildlife crossings will improve habitat connectivity so important for healthy populations and allow wildlife to access needed resources with far less risk.

Additionally, the bill addresses the problem of tire pollutants entering the state's waterways through storm water runoff from roads. This bill will help to protect fish and other wildlife and keep our water clean.

Please support HB 3362 to help wildlife, waterways, and people and to enable transit options that support our state climate and environmental goals.

Thank you,

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