

To: Joint Committee on Transportation From: Ann Vileisis, President, Kalmiopsis Audubon Society Date: March 3, 2025

Re: Support for HB 3362, Mitigating tire pollution and wildlife collisions

Dear Senator Gorsek, Senator Starr, Representative McClain, Representative Boshart Davis and Joint Committee members:

I am writing on behalf of the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society. Our group has more than 400 members in Curry County on Oregon's South Coast with an interest in conserving birds, fish, and wildlife and their habitats. For that reason, we strongly support passage of HB 3362.

We were shocked, as I think everyone was, to learn several years back about the toxicity of 6PPD-quinone from tires and its impacts on fish and other aquatic species. This is a crucial issue for our region, which depends on fish and fisheries.

HB 3362 directly and effectively addresses transportation impacts on water quality and wildlife by providing a reliable revenue source that can mitigate for tire pollution damages while also reducing collision impacts as well.

We urge you to support passage of this important bill.

Sincerely,

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Ann Vileisis, President Kalmiopsis Audubon Society