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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Davis, and Members of the Committee:

I am a Bend resident asking you to support HB 3362.

Each year in Oregon, there are over 7,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions with large animals. On average, four people die and over 500 people are seriously injured. The cost of these collisions on Oregon roadways is estimated to be more than \$100 million each year.

The solution to this undesirable situation is wildlife crossing structures. These structures are a proven and cost-effective technique to improve public safety and restore habitat connectivity. Wildlife crossing structures are overwhelmingly popular with the public, too!

Oregon needs a permanent source of funding to implement state programs and projects to improve motorist and wildlife safety. Permanent funding would improve the safety of Oregon's roadways, remove barriers to wildlife, and make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding.

Please protect both our wildlife and our people by supporting HB 3362.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Jodi Grossman