



To: Joint Committee On Transportation
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR

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Sub: Testimony in support of HB 3362

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLaine, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Boshart Davis, and members of the Joint Committee On Transportation

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the coalition director at OLCV. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of 42 not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy.

OCN members have designated the 2025 transportation package as one of our priorities and HB 3362 is one option to fund programs like wildlife crossings and transit that we support as part of the larger transportation package.

Wildlife Crossing Infrastructure will receive 25% of this investment in structures like overpasses and underpasses that are necessary to improve habitat connectivity and increase roadway safety for wildlife and people.

50% of the tax revenue would help fund rail improvements, providing Oregonians with better, more sustainable transportation alternatives that help us meet our climate goals.

HB 3362 would provide sustained funding that would position Oregon to significantly improve the existing wildlife-vehicle collision reduction program; an important step to take at a time of uncertainty regarding the reliability of federal support.

While we know that the funding conversation is just beginning, we appreciate the work that has been done on HB 3362 and look forward to engaging with this committee in ongoing conversations about possible funding mechanisms for these important programs.

Thank you for your time. I ask for your support of HB 3362.



Sincerely,
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