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HB 3362 addresses the problem of tire chemical pollution that has been found to be fatal to endangered wild coho. Recovering this salmon has been a goal for a number of years but the additive that lengthens the life of automobile tires destroys the life of the coho which make it to their spawning streams only to be so quickly poisoned by the chemical they die before they can spawn. In the Seattle area's numerous small streams, they have been seen to die within two hours of entering their stream. This bill would provide funding to prevent these deaths through removing the chemical or preventing it getting into the waters in the first place.

This bill would also provide funding for wildlife under- and overpasses to save both wild animal and human lives. Where these have been installed they have been shown to reduce animal-vehicle collisions that cause expensive damage to machines and death to the wildlife, death or severe injury to the humans involved.

These are important to fund if we are serious about protecting our valuable wildlife and human safety. I urge the passage of HB 3362. Thank you for your attention.