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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362  
Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Davis, and Members of the Committee

I urge you to please support HB 3362.

I live in Mosier near the Columbia River. There is a real need for both animal overpasses and underpasses for safe wildlife passage across I84. Animals are cut off from the river by the freeway and often get killed. This is dangerous for both the animals and vehicle passengers. I've seen these wildlife overpasses used in Canada.

If Oregon is going to be competitive in capturing federal funding for wildlife crossings, we need a dedicated source of funding to implement state programs and projects to improve motorist and wildlife safety.

In addition to protecting wildlife by funding safe crossings, HB 3362 would also protect fish habitat in rivers like the Columbia by reducing tire pollution caused by toxic runoff.

By supporting rail infrastructure, this bill would also reduce tire wear and road pollution through fewer cars and trucks on the road.

A 4% tax on the cost of new tires is a modest amount that is less than the cost of a tank of gas. It is only paid when new tires are purchased, not every year.

Please support HB 3362 to protect our wildlife and our communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dooley