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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3856

Subject: Concern Regarding HB 3856 and New Personal Income Tax Proposal
Dear All Oregon Representatives,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed HB 3856, which seeks to introduce a new personal income tax to fund the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). As an Oregon resident, I am deeply concerned about the broader implications of this bill, particularly how it would impact the financial well-being of hardworking individuals across the state.

A significant portion of the funds generated by this new tax would go directly into the General Fund, not solely to support the intended wildlife programs. This raises concerns about the potential for misuse or misallocation of resources that are meant to benefit Oregon's wildlife and natural resources.

This bill impacts every Oregon resident that pays taxes, regardless of whether they have a job or not, since it is an additional tax on ALL taxable income. Retirees on fixed incomes, many of whom are already struggling to pay for basic living expenses, will be significantly and negatively impacted by this additional layer of taxation, I feel it is unfair to burden the public with additional financial strain, especially when many Oregonians are already facing high living costs and economic uncertainty. A new tax is not the solution for funding wildlife programs, and I urge you to reconsider supporting this measure.

I respectfully ask that you oppose HB 3856 and work towards more responsible solutions that do not place an additional tax burden on Oregon's residents. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Roberta Reed