

Submitter: Sarah Maynard  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1131

This bill is important because it helps a wildlife rehabilitation center that serves our entire Willamette Valley community. It is the only place between Eugene and Portland that cares for injured and orphaned mammals, birds, and reptiles which is crucial for keeping our local wildlife populations healthy. By taking care of these animals, the center helps preserve native species and maintain the local ecosystem. It also helps the public by providing guidance on how to safely handle wildlife encounters and avoid conflicts between humans and animals, whether in cities or rural areas.

The center offers workshops, tours, and outreach programs that teach people about Oregon's native species and the importance of protecting them. This education enables us to coexist responsibly with nature and fosters a more engaged community. Supporting SB 1131 means we can ensure this vital organization continues its essential work in wildlife rehabilitation and education. I urge you to vote in favor of this bill to protect Oregon's wildlife and support our community's educational needs.