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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2403

Passing this bill would fly in the face of democratic processes. The makeup of the proposed County boards is biased towards the control of predators or fur bearers. There are no board members with non-landowner affiliations. Wildlife belongs to the people regardless of land ownership. Citizens of Oregon who have an interest in wildlife are left out of the process; we would have zero input. ODFW has the responsibility of managing our wildlife. The State must retain the responsibilities to sustain all endemic wildlife species in Oregon, including predators and fur bearers. ODFW must retain that responsibility.

I OPPOSE HB 2403