

Submitter: Sally Compton
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2978

Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sally Compton, and I serve as the Executive Director of Think Wild, a wildlife conservation nonprofit based in Bend. I'm writing to express my strong support for HB 2978-A.

At Think Wild, we respond to hundreds of calls every year about injured or orphaned wildlife—many of them victims of vehicle collisions. It's heartbreaking, and it's preventable. Wildlife crossings work, and Oregon needs more of them.

HB 2978-A represents a meaningful investment in the future of our state. Permanent, state-level funding for wildlife crossings will:

- Make our roads safer for drivers and wildlife alike
- Reconnect fragmented habitats, allowing wildlife to move and thrive
- Position Oregon to take full advantage of available federal funding for these projects

This legislation builds on the incredible progress Oregon has made in recent years to address human-wildlife conflict in smart, forward-thinking ways. Please continue that momentum by passing HB 2978-A.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting Oregon's people and wildlife.

Sincerely,
Sally Compton
Executive Director, Think Wild