



Statement of the Oregon Land and Water Alliance in support of HB 2978 A.

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, Oregon. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land and Water Alliance. The Oregon Land and Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use, as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in support of HB 2978 A on behalf of OLAWA.

OLAWA is quite pleased to see such overwhelming support recently for this bill on the House side. Hopefully it will be an easy lift to support and pass this bill on the Senate side as well.

Not only will deer, elk, and other wildlife be able to safely cross our busiest rural highways, but we humans will also be much safer from large animal collisions at highway speeds. This is truly a commonsense bill that will undoubtedly afford wildlife a safe route to highway crossings, but, even more importantly, it will also protect automobile operators and passengers from high-speed collisions with large wild animals.

Thank you for this opportunity to support this good bill, and we urge its speedy passage.

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