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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:

I strongly support HB 2978-A and you should too.

Wildlife crossings are highly effective and Oregon needs more crossing structures particularly near Sisters. HB 2978-A and an option for permanent state-level funding to support wildlife crossing initiatives will:

\*Improve the safety of Oregon's roadways - I live south of town in Three Rivers and I cannot showcase enough appreciation for the barriers + wildlife crossings on HWY97 south of town. Feel much safer driving at night. And recall many close calls with deer, before it was built.

\*Remove barriers to wildlife - allowing a struggling species to migrate, while also providing safe travel for residents and visitors alike is a win-win.

\*Make Oregon more competitive in capturing federal funding.

Please build on the important progress at the state legislature over the past five years by passing HB 2978-A.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth