



To: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR

Date: April 15, 2025

Sub: Testimony in support of HB 2978

Chairs Golden and Vice Chair Nash and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the coalition director at OLCV. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of 40 not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy.

OCN has designated HB 2978 as a OCN priority as part of our transportation priority package because wildlife crossings help keep people and wildlife safe.

Each year, there are over 7,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions in Oregon; on average, four people die and 521 people are seriously injured in those collisions. I have personally been in a vehicle when there was a collision with a deer and I think this bill is a great step forward in reducing wildlife collisions in Oregon.

Thank you for your time. On behalf of OCN and OLCV, I ask for your support of HB 2978.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eliza Walton".

Sincerely,  
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