Submitter: Laura Hanks

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.

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

Improve the safety of Oregon's roadways

Remove barriers to wildlife

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. I have witnessed their effectiveness in a recent trip to Alberta, Canada.

Sincerely, Laura Hanks