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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2977, a bill to secure long-term dedicated funding to help Oregon's wonderful wildlife and ecosystems. Many tourists come to Oregon to experience the beautiful landscape and wildlife. It's important to maintain our ecosystems so that tourism continues in Oregon. In 2015, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife identified nearly 300 species in the state at an elevated risk of extinction and 11 habitats of conservation concern. We must act now to help recover at-risk species now instead of waiting until they are at the brink of extinction.

HB 2977 would provide a steady, sustainable source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity – all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

Please support "1% for Wildlife" by passing HB 2977 today.

Sincerely,  
Karen Funk