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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 recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Since my retirement in 2012, I have pursued volunteering and contributing to the preservation of Oregon's beautiful environment, lands and waters which I have enjoyed all of my life. In 2015 I graduated from OSU's Oregon Naturalist program, and have pursued my life passion for nature in our state, working with educating school children in a variety of park settings around the state, from outdoor school in the Columbia River Gorge, to whale watching on the Oregon coast to teaching families and adults about the unique plants in the path of the Missoula Floods, at Tom McCall Pt and Camassia in West Linn.

HB 2977 provides an opportunity for all of us who enjoy our beautiful natural areas in our state to contribute a little to preserving them so we can continue to enjoy them throughout our lives and those of our children and beyond. I urge you to support this bill.

Oregon is an incredibly special place; home to a diverse array of flora, fauna, and the habitats that support them. Unfortunately, climate change and other natural and human-made impacts put their future at risk.

There are nearly 300 species of greatest conservation need and 11 habitats of conservation concern. To combat this - and ensure all species thrive in Oregon - we need bold, proactive investments in their recovery.

HB 2977 would do just that by providing 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,

Donna Acord