

Submitter: Phillip Callaway  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977  
Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the  
Committee:

I strongly support passage of HB2977.

Current state funds available for implementing wildlife conservation programs are only a small fraction of what is needed to recover our state's most at-risk species. The agency tasked with overseeing critical restoration actions, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, has been woefully underfunded to address these growing challenges.

"1% for Wildlife" is a bold, proactive solution that will help recover at-risk species now – a better approach than waiting until species are on the brink of extinction. The ability to effectively implement Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan is crucial for the health of Oregon's diverse ecosystems, wildlife populations, clean water, food security, and outdoor recreation economy.

Please vote YES to pass HB2977.

Sincerely,  
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