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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 ask you to please support HB 2977. This bill is a small way to ensure funding to help bolster and support Oregon's most vulnerable habitats.

I've lived in Oregon for thirty years, and I still marvel at our breathtaking landscapes. From the tidepools to the top of Mt. Hood, from the sage-scented desert to the dense forests, we are stewards of a wide array of unique homes for our flora and fauna. Unfortunately, we are also at the mercy of climate change, as well as other natural and man-made impacts to the region. These habitats shelter upwards of 300 species that are listed as having the "greatest conservation need". The so called 1% For Wildlife bill will be a bold step in helping with habitat recovery.

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. Oregon already has one of the lowest tourism taxes in the country, and this small increase will create an incredible impact on the recovery of our local habitats.

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