

Submitter: Amy Stuart

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair and members of the House on Revenue,
On behalf of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Bitterbrush Broadband, we support HB 2977. The Great Old Broads for Wilderness is a national grassroots conservation organization with 40 chapters around the nation and 4 in Oregon. Our Broadband believes that this bill is critically important and long needed to provide funding for a steady, reliable and sustainable source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most vulnerable species and their habitats and enhance biodiversity. The bill would increase the transient lodging tax by just a mere 1% to provide vital funds to the Oregon Conservation Strategy, to support wildlife and habitats across Oregon. Our diverse landscapes and wildlife species contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy from both residents and nonresidents. Our beautiful state is an incredibly diverse and special place from rainforests to deserts, mountains to oceans, and rivers and lakes. With climate change and other natural and human impacts, some of Oregon's critical wildlife species and their habitats are at risk. Please pass this bill to safeguard all wildlife species and their habitats that they may thrive in Oregon. Please support "1% for Wildlife" by passing HB 2977.

Thank you for considering our comments.

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