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HB2977

I am writing to offer my strong support of HB 2977. This bill will have a tremendous impact in changing the downward trajectory facing our state's fish and wildlife populations. Wildlife do not exist by happenstance in Oregon but rather by careful management and conservation of the habitat that remains within our modified modern landscape. Our state wildlife agency needs additional resources to invest in habitat at a scale that ensures wildlife are sustained through human population growth, housing development, energy development, climate change and the myriad of stressors and changes that wildlife, people, and our environment face today. Wildlife provides inherent value to Oregon and generates economic activity by wildlife viewers, anglers, hunters, hikers, tourist and many other outdoor user groups. I urge you to pass this incredibly important bill and support Oregon's wildlife and natural legacy.