

Submitter: Amy Knudsen

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the "1% for Wildlife HB2977" bill. My name is Amy Knudsen. I am a resident of central Oregon, a professional working in the community and raising a family. I am a concerned citizen and science educator. I teach at our local community college and work with students from all different background daily. The passing of this bill is something that Oregon residents agree on. Supporting wildlife and the conservation of natural resources is something that needs to be put front and center in the decision making process of how to fund different bills and programs around the state. I am grateful that this bill is a topic of conversation and is being considered. This Bill represents Oregon's rich and historic values of wilderness, wildness, and responsible stewardship of the natural world.

The passing of HB2977 would support the tourism industry in Oregon which is a major economic driver in our state's communities. Imperiled plants and animals depend on conservation support now more than ever. Oregon is overdue for the creation of a State Wildlife Action Plan and this bill would help fund it.

I strongly urge you to support the passing of HB2977. Our future generations depend on it.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

Amy Knudsen