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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

To the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment;

My name is Cynthia Earle and I am writing in strong support of including \$5 million per year in Oregon's transportation budget to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and ensure safer roads for wildlife and people.

Investing in wildlife crossings—such as overpasses, underpasses, and improved fencing—has been proven to dramatically reduce collisions. States across the west like Colorado, Utah, Washington, and Oregon have seen collision reductions of up to 90% where these structures have been implemented. Central Oregon already has a few successful examples, and we must build on that momentum to bring these innovative projects to all corners of the state.

This \$5 million annual investment will not only improve public safety and reduce costs but also protect Oregon's iconic wildlife and preserve vital migration routes and movement areas that are essential to long-term species health.

This is a smart, science-based solution with bipartisan support and widespread public approval. I urge you to include this funding in the transportation budget and help make Oregon's roads safer for all.

Thank you for your time and leadership on this critical issue! Have a good summer!

Sincerely,
Cynthia Earle
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