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On Behalf Of: myself
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment
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To the Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment;

My name is Diane Rockafellow, 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.

Every year in Oregon, thousands of wildlife-vehicle collisions result in loss of life—both human and animal—along with millions of dollars in property damage, emergency response, and medical costs. These incidents are not just tragic and costly; they are also preventable.

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.

Sincerely,
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