



# OREGON HUNTERS ASSOCIATION

## Protecting Oregon's Wildlife, Habitat and Hunting Heritage

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Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire  
Re: HB 2025, Sections 111 and 117

Co-Chairs Gorsek and McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Starr and Boshart Davis, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) is Oregon's largest state-centric hunter conservation organization, representing over 12,000 sportsmen and women throughout 26 chapters in the state. Our mission is 'to protect Oregon's wildlife, habitat, and hunting heritage' and we strongly support science-based wildlife and habitat management.

OHA strongly supports Sections 11 and 117 of HB 2025 which establish and fund the Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Reduction Fund.

Conservation organizations, state and federal agencies, and private entities have long worked to further wildlife and human safety on Oregon roadways. Since the notable installation of the Highway 97 wildlife undercrossing near Lava Butte proved the effectiveness of safe crossings for over 30 species, statewide understanding of the critical need for safe wildlife crossings, habitat connectivity, and wildlife habitat improvement has expanded public support for legislative actions like HB 2025.

Collisions between motor vehicles and wildlife exceed 7,000 each year in Oregon. Not only do these collisions threaten human safety and steadily increase insurance expenses, they also negatively impact our wildlife species, particularly deer and elk. These species depend on safely connected habitat corridors to allow for seasonal migration and herd survival.

Section 117(c) provides \$5 million in annual funding to facilitate the planning, construction, and maintenance of wildlife crossings. This sustainable, dedicated funding is critical in leveraging federal funds and maximizing Oregonians' investment in safer roadways.

The broad coalition of support for a long-term, sustainable funding source for wildlife crossings speaks to the vested interests of conservation organizations across the state in protecting wildlife migration corridors, critical habitat needs, and the safety of Oregonians on our roadways.

Thank you for your time,  
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