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On Behalf Of: Wildlife Crossing Funding
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

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

Please support HB 2025 Sections 111 and 117, which establish the Oregon
Department of Transportation (ODOT) Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Reduction Fund at
an annual rate of \$10 million per biennium.

Allocating funds to wildlife connectivity efforts would be a big step in mitigating the
harmful effects that urbanization is having on wildlife. Connecting fragmented
populations is vital to both the conservation process and the survival of species.
When habitats and populations are fragmented by roads, they form isolated
metapopulations that are significantly more vulnerable to extinction due to reduced
gene flow, limited resources, and increased susceptibility to local disturbances. This
also seems like an especially easy bill to support since it benefits both people and
wildlife, helping to deter vehicle collisions and improve road safety in our
communities.

Thank you for taking into account the concerns of the entire community, human and
non-human alike.