



6/24/2025

To: Senate Committee on Rules

From: Network of Oregon Watershed Councils

Re: Support for HB 2977

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Oregon's watershed councils, the Network of Oregon Watershed Councils ("NOWC") supports HB 2977, "1% For Wildlife".

NOWC supports the work of Oregon's community-based watershed councils, which work to improve and protect our state's fish and wildlife, and their habitats. Watershed councils are led by natural resource experts and scientists and are guided by boards led by local community members. Councils conduct voluntary conservation projects to restore and enhance the waters and lands for native species and for people.

We support HB 2977 because it will help address our state's biodiversity challenges and support the State Wildlife Action Plan. This bill has broad support among a range of stakeholder groups and individuals, as well as bipartisan support from both the Oregon house and senate members.

This is a unique opportunity to invest now in Oregon's outdoor spaces and would be a legacy achievement in conservation for Oregon for future generations. This bill will secure permanent funding to address wolf livestock conflict, as well as permanent funding for invasive species prevention.

This is not a cost of living tax, but is a common-sense solution that will have both near-term and long-term positive impacts for our entire state.

**We urge you to vote yes on HB 2977 and establish 1% for Wildlife.**

Thank you,

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