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I would like to express my support for HB 2977, a bill now includes the wildlife stewardship funding, which would provide much-needed funds to organizations working to promote healthy wildlife populations and human-wildlife coexistence. As many of our federally-managed wild spaces face potential privatization and development, compromising their ability to provide habitat for nearly all species of wildlife, it is more important than ever to financially support organizations that work to conserve, monitor, and rehabilitate wildlife. I am so grateful to live in a state abundant with (mostly) healthy, robust populations of wild creatures big and small. However, such a place exists because countless organizations work tirelessly to defend and protect the ability of wildlife to survive and thrive. These organizations are providing countless ecosystem services in doing so, from the healthier watersheds created by beaver populations when allowed to thrive, to abundant fisheries those living in Oregon and visitors alike use for nourishment and recreation. We should financially support these organizations to allow them to keep doing work that benefits us all!