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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham and members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I urge your support of HB 2977 (Wildlife Conservation) to secure long-term, dedicated funding to recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats.

In Oregon there are nearly 300 species of greatest conservation need and 11 habitats of conservation concern. To combat this – and ensure all species thrive in our great state – we need bold, proactive investments in their recovery. The bill also allocates funds for wildlife stewardship, Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund, anti-poaching efforts, wildlife connectivity and invasive species control – which further bolster wildlife conservation in the state.

HB 2977 would do just that by providing a steady, sustainable source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity – all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

In stewardship of Oregon's wildlife and critical supporting habitats,

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