

I am writing in support of the passage of Bill HB 2977.

Outdoor recreation is a primary driver for tourism in Oregon, and the economic, cultural and ecologic benefits of ensuring that the very species and habitats driving much of Oregon's tourism are maintained. This alone is enough incentive to make HB 2977 the law of the land.

Additionally, the suite of benefits this bill brings to coastal and marine resilience and economic sustainability is enormous and must not be dismissed.

HB 2977 provides an opportunity to provide steady resources to anti-poaching and invasive species prevention which are important hedges against climate change and real threats to Oregon's native fish and wildlife.

This is a strong, reasonable and effective means of funding the various programs at several state agencies.

I urge you to move this bill to the floor of the Oregon Senate.

Sincerely,

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