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Committee:	Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	HB2977

To whom it may concern,

As a concerned Oregon citizen and Portland resident, I'm writing in support of HB2977, a bipartisan measure to help protect Oregon's wildlife, restore habitats, and support efforts that allow help humans and wildlife to coexist more successfully. In a world where many species and their habitats are disappearing, this is very important to millions of Oregonians, including those who live in cities and suburbs and those who live in small towns and rural areas. It's not a partisan effort. And it's well worth a small increase In the lodging tax, which will be paid in many cases by people who are visiting Oregon to enjoy our natural environment (and by doing so help to improve our economy). I strongly support this measure, and hope both major parties will join forces to enact it.