



## QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Date: 22 February 2019  
To: House Committee on Natural Resources  
From: Kip Adams, Director of Conservation  
Re: House Bill 2294

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On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to support House Bill 2294 requiring that commercial products that contain or is derived from cervid urine and designed for luring, attracting or enticing cervids be from herds free of chronic wasting disease (CWD). The QDMA is a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has over 60,000 members nationwide, and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

Nearly every deer hunter has heard of CWD, and unfortunately more are being directly impacted by it each year. Chronic Wasting Disease is an always fatal disease found in most deer species, including elk, moose, mule and white-tailed deer, and CWD has now been identified in 26 U.S. states, four Canadian provinces, Korea (from an elk imported from Canada in 1997), Finland and Norway. Contagions spread through urine, feces, saliva, blood, deer parts, and especially via live deer. Importantly, there is no vaccine or cure.

Research shows plants uptake prions from infected soil, and hamsters that ate the plants contracted the disease. In addition, recent research provides evidence of some infection in humanized mice. These results do not cast a favorable light for CWD, deer, and American agriculture.

As such, the QDMA strongly supports House Bill 2294. Thank you for your attention to this important legislation and your commitment to Oregon's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams  
Director of Conservation