

HB 4130-1
(LC 189)
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Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4130**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 9 through 13 and insert:

2 “Whereas a statewide survey of Oregon voters conducted for The Pew
3 Charitable Trusts in 2020 found that 86 percent of Oregonians believe it is
4 important for the state to adopt policies that protect wildlife migration
5 routes and 75 percent of Oregonians support increasing public funding for
6 the construction of wildlife crossing structures; and

7 “Whereas wildlife road crossing structures have proven to increase public
8 safety and to be effective at reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions, facilitating
9 essential wildlife migration and promoting healthy wildlife populations; and

10 “Whereas the legislature recognizes the need for ongoing focus and sus-
11 tained investment to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat
12 connectivity in this state; and

13 “Whereas allocation of state resources can help Oregon better compete
14 for federal funds that are available to support wildlife road crossings; now,
15 therefore,”.

16 Delete lines 15 through 29.

17 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 6 and insert:

18 **“SECTION 1. (1) In addition to and not in lieu of any other appro-
19 priation, there is appropriated to the Department of Transportation,
20 for the biennium ending June 30, 2023, out of the General Fund, the
21 amount of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of funding projects that reduce**

1 the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat
2 connectivity for wildlife as defined in ORS 496.004. This appropriation
3 is available continuously until expended for the purpose specified in
4 this section.

5 “(2) The department shall consult with the State Department of
6 Fish and Wildlife when distributing moneys appropriated under this
7 section, and shall take into consideration relevant information, in-
8 cluding the Wildlife Corridor Action Plan described in ORS 496.272, the
9 Oregon Connectivity Assessment and Mapping Project and the Oregon
10 Conservation Strategy adopted by the State Fish and Wildlife Com-
11 mission.

12 “(3) The Department of Transportation:

13 “(a) May distribute moneys under this section for the full range of
14 wildlife corridor project needs, including but not limited to project
15 feasibility studies, planning, construction, retrofit and maintenance
16 of wildlife road crossing infrastructure, roadkill tracking and studies,
17 animal detection systems, signage, directional fencing and wildlife
18 jump outs.

19 “(b) Shall prioritize distributions for projects that fill funding gaps
20 for wildlife road crossings and habitat connectivity that are not oth-
21 erwise budgeted for or required under other federal or state obli-
22 gations.

23 “(c) May partner with or make distributions under this section to
24 tribes, counties, cities or other public or private entities for projects
25 consistent with the purposes and requirements of this section.

26 “(d) May make distributions under this section to assist projects
27 with state match requirements of federal grant programs relating to
28 wildlife corridors.”

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