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HB4134

I was born and raised in Bend and spent much of my childhood camping, fishing, hiking, and enjoying the outdoors in central Oregon and across the state. Sharing our treasured landscapes with diverse native wildlife populations is one of the most special parts of living in this state. It's one of the main reasons I moved back to Bend as an adult. From native trout in the Deschutes, to elk in the Ochocos, to seabirds along the coast, our state is home to an amazing array of native wildlife. People come from all over to recreate on our public lands and have the chance to see these species, spending their tourist dollars here. Unfortunately, our state's wildlife are facing multiple ongoing crises and people in Oregon won't be able to have these opportunities for much longer if the state doesn't step up. Fortunately, there is a solution. I support HB 4134 because it is a bold, proactive solution to help our most threatened species and habitats. Passing this legislation will help put Oregon's at-risk wildlife on a better track and help support our local economies.