



OREGON STATE SENATE

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Testimony in Support of HB 4125

Chair and members of the committee,

My name is Khanh Pham, State Senator for District 23 representing NE and SE Portland. I'm delighted to be here today to testify in support of HB 4125.

When we talk about budgets, we are ultimately talking about people's lives. I hear concerns every day from constituents about whether schools can plan with confidence for teachers and classrooms, whether we'll have enough housing and health services for families and children who depend on them, whether we'll have the funding to defend our communities against wildfires, and whether public safety agencies will have the resources they need to respond when people call for help. These are the voices I hear every day from my district.

This year, we are anticipating major federal budget cuts, serious deficits, and the possibility of deep service cuts in the coming years. These pressures are being compounded by more frequent and costly emergencies—like rampant wildfires, devastating floods, and extreme heat—that demand immediate public response and long-term recovery. These are not one-time events; they are becoming part of the reality we must plan for.

In this context, having an accurate and responsible revenue forecast is simply good governance. It allows us to budget accurately, prepare for uncertainty, and avoid putting essential services at risk. HB 4125 helps modernize how we approach this responsibility so our budgeting system so that Oregon's budgeting system works for the people it is meant to serve. I urge your support.

Thank you.