

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

Dear All,

I am supportive of HB 4134 because legislation protects wildlife, human health and our economy.

Projects funded by this legislation will help protect and clean drinking water, support wild pollinators that are essential to our food and natural systems, and maintain species like bats that help control insect populations. These investments aren't just an investment in our environment; they're an investment in community health.

HB 4134 invests in conserving and restoring the habitat fish and wildlife rely upon, while also supporting Oregonians' livelihoods, outdoor recreation, and quality of life.

Communities in Oregon, especially our rural communities, rely on thriving, healthy environments that support our native wildlife.

Outdoor recreation is a \$16 billion industry in Oregon. We can keep that industry growing and thriving by investing in the wildlife and natural spaces that attract visitors.

HB 4134 strengthens our tourism and outdoor economy, without raising costs for residents.

This bill, supported by a diverse and bipartisan coalition, presents a rare policy opportunity that we should capitalize on.

Thanks for listening,