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HB4134

Testimony for HB4134

To Whom It May Concern,

As a 6th generation Oregonian my family has long appreciated the landscape, and wildlife of our state for over 160 years.

Over the years I have learned that there is almost no oversight of what wildlife numbers of most species (even vulnerable ones) are in our state. We have owned property that sits between the Calapoia and Willamette rivers for over 30 years and have seen huge drops in several species on our property. As an example In the 90s we would see weekly signs of Beaver (often seeing the beavers themselves) and today there are none. We have mostly created a sanctuary here for wildlife so the riparian forest is still intact. About 15 years ago when I started noticing their disappearance I tried to find scientists who knew how much loss we have had of that population and I was unable to find anyone with that information. That is just one species. I have noticed changes in others as well especially frogs and bats.

I believe we are very overdue to find out where Oregon's wildlife stands. Our state depends on it!

Thank you,

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