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HB4134

I strongly support HB 4134.

We have this opportunity to fund the protection of all important species and landscapes in Oregon, now under stress from fire, increasing land use claims and tourism as never before. Without funding, all of our declarations in principle for Oregon's wildlife are hollow. This funding enables action towards species protection and enhancement.

I am a 5th generation Oregonian, a farmer, a retired teacher and an outdoorsman. I have benefitted all my life from healthy landscapes and wildlife species, and I know that future generations will also benefit if we can maintain the diversity of wildlife Oregon enjoys.

Tourism is now our biggest income stream, surpassing extractive economic activity, and will continue to grow in the future. Tapping this income stream to make the tourist resource sustainable long into the future is not only a good step for wildlife, but also for our economic growth. Oregon's reputation as a place of unsurpassed beauty will be necessary for our tourist industry to grow in a sustainable fashion.

I worked in firefighting, habitat restoration, fish and wildlife research and land rehabilitation for many seasons as a young person in the 1970's. I would like to see those efforts expand and sustain into the future.

Thank you for supporting HB 4134. It is the next step in the right direction for Oregon
Rick Turner
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