

Testimony on HB 4134  
February 3, 2026

Chair Nathanson and Revenue Committee Members:

I am president of the board of directors of the Elakha Alliance, an Oregon-based non-profit organization that seeks a healthy marine ecosystem by restoring long-absent sea otters to the Oregon coast.

I strongly support passage of HB 4134.

Passage will, at long last, provide the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife with the capacity to lead critical work to restore and conserve Oregon's non-game wildlife and ecosystems, including leading the return of sea otters to the Oregon coast and thus protecting our marine and coastal ecosystems and the coastal economy that depends on a healthy and productive marine environment.

The bill before you is an historic piece of legislation and will invest residents and visitors alike in the long-term work necessary to conserve Oregon's outstanding natural resources for future generations.

I urge you to pass HB 4134

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