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As an Oregonian I know how special the fish, wildlife, and the habitats they depend on are, and how important they are to our state's identity. Native species are in decline, driven by habitat loss, climate change, and ongoing development that pushes them closer to extinction. Despite this growing crisis, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife currently receives no dedicated state funding to support the recovery and conservation of these species and their habitats. In addition, as a resident living in the Columbia Gorge, I have witnessed multiple fires due to the dryness of our area. Mitigation of these fires is extremely important to me and funding is needed to handle this crisis.

I strongly urge you to pass HB 4134 scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Thank you for the work you do to help Oregon's lands and citizens.

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