



February 3, 2026

Dear Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

On behalf of the Western Invasives Network, I respectfully urge you to support House Bill 4134 (1.25% for Wildlife) and move it forward.

The Western Invasives Network provides a regional forum for Cooperative Weed Management Areas (CWMAs), working groups, and collaborative partnerships to coordinate invasive species prevention and control across western Oregon and southwestern Washington. Invasive species do not respect jurisdictional boundaries, so coordinated action is essential to protect communities, working lands, and native ecosystems.

We support HB 4134 with particular emphasis on dedicated funding for the Oregon Invasive Species Council. Statewide leadership and coordination are necessary to detect, contain, and respond to invasive threats. The proposed Emergency Control Account funding would help Oregon respond quickly to newly detected invaders (such as emerald ash borer) and emerging high-risk species (such as quagga mussels), when early action is most effective and least costly.

Across our network, partners manage a wide range of invasive species across diverse habitats—from coastal areas to the Cascades. Because needs differ by geography and species, flexible support matters. Additional OISC capacity and partner-facing grant support (including education and outreach) would strengthen prevention, improve coordination, and help local groups act before infestations escalate.

Thank you for your consideration. Please support HB 4134.

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