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HB4134

I wish to make known my support for fish and wildlife in Oregon. HB 4134 provides dedicated funding to Oregon's Department of Fish & Wildlife, Department of Agriculture, and the Oregon Conservation Corps to implement projects that benefit wildlife and habitat throughout the state.

About .9% of the funding raised by HB 4134 would go towards ODFW's implementation of the state Wildlife Action Plan. This funding can support a wide array of activities, including advancing wildlife connectivity and passages.

About .25% of the funding will go towards ODA's anti-poaching efforts, as well as securing funding for the wolf compensation program. This helps ranchers and livestock producers also reduce conflicts with wildlife.

A small portion, about .1%, of this funding will be directed towards the Oregon Conservation Corps, helping with workforce development and wildfire risk reduction efforts across the state.

With uncertainty swirling around federal and state funding for wildlife and land stewardship, we need to establish a dedicated source of revenue to help protect Oregon's wildlife for future generations.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.