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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I am writing in support House Bill 4134, as a significant portion of funds generated by it would go towards Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW's) implementation of the state Wildlife Action Plan. This funding can support a wide array of activities, including advancing landscape connectivity, wildlife corridors, and wildlife and fish passages. Wildlife species face growing threats to their survival as well as significant losses to their associated habitats, including complete loss, fragmentation, modification, and development. The Wildlife Action Plan helps ensure the survival and longevity of species and their habitats, promoting their existence and protecting their homes. House Bill 4134 funding would also be beneficial to help stop illegal poaching of protected species and it would help to secure funding for the wolf compensation program. This program helps sustain the livelihoods of ranchers and livestock producers and also reduces preventable conflicts with wildlife.