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Representative Nathanson, Chair
House Committee On Revenue
Oregon Legislature

Re: Environment Oregon supports House Bill 4134 with the -1 amendment

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee,

Environment Oregon is a policy and action group with one mission: to restore and protect the natural world. Our staff works for clean air, clean water, clean energy, wildlife, open spaces and a livable climate. Our members across the state put grassroots support behind our research and advocacy. We support HB 4134 with the -1 amendment — the 1.25% for Wildlife proposal — because it addresses one of the most persistent failures in Oregon's environmental policy: The lack of a stable, dedicated funding source for wildlife and habitat conservation.

Oregon's fish, wildlife and wild places are foundational to our state's identity and environmental health. Yet for decades, the programs that protect them have relied on short-term, piecemeal funding that cannot keep pace with habitat loss, invasive species and wildfire risk. The result is declining wildlife populations, fragmented ecosystems and growing threats to ecological resilience.

HB 4134 with the -1 amendment would correct this by dedicating new, reliable funding to science-based conservation through Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan, invasive species prevention, habitat connectivity, wildlife coexistence and wildfire risk reduction. These investments protect biodiversity, strengthen ecosystems and safeguard the natural systems that all Oregonians depend on.

We urge you to support HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to support the wildlife and open spaces that make Oregon a special place to call home.

Sincerely,

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