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To: House Committee on Revenue

From: The Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts

RE: Support H.B.4134, 1.25% for Wildlife

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts (COLT), we would like to share our strong support for H.B. 4134 with -1 Amendment, to provide long-term and sustainable funding to support Oregon's fish, wildlife and habitats.

COLT is a membership organization representing 31 land trusts, soil and water conservation districts, and conservation organizations working across Oregon to protect our habitat and natural spaces – for all people, forever. Collectively, our members have protected more than 782,000 acres of land across our state.

H.B. 4134 would increase the state transient lodging tax to provide dedicated funding for the Oregon State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) and support efforts to recover our most at-risk species and habitats. The bill would also provide funding to the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund and ODFW's Wildlife Connectivity Program, and support invasive species response, anti-poaching efforts, and wildfire risk reduction.

Land trusts in Oregon are already working in partnership with local partners to protect critical habitats that support wildlife connectivity and species recovery. Over the last 34 years, Greenbelt Land Trust has protected 4,000 acres in the Willamette Valley and is currently restoring habitat at three properties key to the recovery of Fender's Blue Butterfly: Lupine Meadows, Bald Hill Farm, and Mulkey Ridge Forest. Thanks to the work of Greenbelt Land Trust and a strong network of conservation



24 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Blue Mountain Land Trust • Center for Natural Lands Management • Columbia Land Trust

Deschutes Land Trust • Ducks Unlimited • Forest Park Conservancy • Friends of the Columbia Gorge Land Trust

Greenbelt Land Trust • Klamath Lake Land Trust • Lower Nehalem Community Trust • McKenzie River Trust

North Coast Land Conservancy • Northwest Rangeland Trust • Oregon Agricultural Trust • Oregon Desert Land Trust

Pacific Forest Trust • Southern Oregon Land Conservancy • The Conservation Fund • The Nature Conservancy in Oregon

The Trust for Public Land • The Wetlands Conservancy • Wallowa Land Trust • Western Rivers Conservancy • Wild Rivers Land Trust

8 ASSOCIATE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Black Oregon Land Trust • Cerro Gordo Land Conservancy • Clackamas Soil & Water

Conservation District • East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District • Helvetia Community Association

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partners, the once-endangered Fender's blue butterfly has been reclassified from endangered to threatened.

H.B. 4134 is a proactive solution that will directly support at-risk species, vulnerable habitats and the communities that depend on them at a time when such investment is needed most. Thank you for the time to comment today. We urge this Committee to support H.B. 4134 with -1 Amendment for Oregon's species, communities, and natural legacy.

Sincerely,



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