

Letter from Oregon Resident Rand Dawson in support of HB 4131  
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Dear Committee (and its staff)

I write in support of HB 4134. I am a retired attorney who was a member of the Oregon and Alaska Bars starting in 1975.

For over 30 years I represented important elements of the recreational-tourist industry across Alaska, including the guiding, aviation, lodging, & boating components, while I also, on a pro bono basis, worked a variety of environmental issues with important aspects concerning water quality, management and public access. My wife and I were both licensed assistant guides by the State.

The benefits that will come to such groups, as well as the general public, from the financing supports envisioned by HB 4134 are clear, ultimately carrying significant cash value to those working groups as well as local communities nearby or related in any way to those working groups, in addition to serving the public (e.g., tourists, residents of the State).

Good water quality, quantity and management are essential to keep folks coming back to the waters and the complex lands and shores they abut, based on the many diverse reasons people come to the waters.

The financial supports offered by HB 4131 will greatly add to that picture.

Thank you.

(signed)

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