

Submitter: Carol Sanner
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134
RE: Testimony
Support for HB 4134

I support this bill because, as a wildlife-fisheries biologist who lives in the high desert in Deschutes County, I have observed rampant development at the expense of wildlife habitat. This, in addition to climate change, human population growth without constraint in this part of the county has resulted in a loss of 60% of mule deer population since the early 2000s. More deer are killed by vehicles than hunters, nowadays, because deer migration corridors are fragmented by roads and fenced properties that create barriers to/from their winter range. I have witnessed the loss of already dwindling sage grouse lek habitat due to increased disruption by OHVs in formerly productive grouse habitat just east of Bend.

This bill would afford additional funding for research, public education, and development of management strategies to sustain the ever- increasing number of species threatened by development- including increased pressure on habitat by dispersed recreation, which is largely tourist based.

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 4134 for the sake of our State's wildlife legacy.

Thank you.