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I am a career parks professional and former business owner in Central Oregon. I fully support HB 4134. I can say with certainty that the health and vitality of our states wildlife populations greatly enhances the visitor experience while at the same time benefits our business community. Healthy wildlife populations and habitat grows tourism. I have spoken with thousands of tourists both local and out of state individuals and when asked what what has been their most memorable and impactful experience in the Oregon outdoors they almost always speak of a wildlife sighting or encounter. From seeing an Bald Eagle fly over head to watching River Otters frolic and play on the river bank to simply watching butterflies feed on wildflowers. Its clear that wildlife is highly valued by so many and this 1% for wildlife initiative is so needed to support new and ongoing conservation efforts.

I was scheduled to testify 2-4-26 but since I couldn't be there in person and since testimony time ran out I wasn't heard.