

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON HB 4134

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON REVENUE

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SUBMITTED BY JAS ADAMS, PORTLAND

My name is Jas Adams. I am the former Attorney-in-Charge of the Natural Resource Section of Oregon DOJ's General Counsel Division, retiring in 2014, and thereafter served two terms as the Public Member on the Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC).

I support HB 4134. I suggest, however, two concise amendments to avoid a repeat of what happened when the pandemic's impact on state revenues caused the Department of Agriculture in 2020 to appropriate \$280,000 out of \$300,000 of general fund monies (93% of OISC's general fund allocation) legislatively earmarked to go to the Oregon Invasive Species Council. ODA did this to help support its own invasive species weed programs along highways, notwithstanding that those funds had been expressly designated for the OISC. Nothing short of corrective legislation can effectively prevent a repeat of that misappropriation.

My two amendments are in the bill's Section 2 amendments to ORS 820.335, which add a new Section 3 to that statute, with two new subsections under subsection c, labeled F and H. My proposed language is added in bold text to subsection F and H as shown here:

(F) 0.015 percent to the State Department of Agriculture for deposit in the Invasive Species Control Account established under ORS 570.810 **for use only by the Oregon Invasive Species Council for the purposes spelled out in ORS 570.810.**

(G) 0.005 percent to the State Department of Agriculture for deposit in the Invasive Species Council Account established under ORS 570.800 **for use only by the Oregon Invasive Species Council for the purposes spelled out in ORS 570.800.**

Thank you for your attention to this input.

Sincerely,

Jas. Jeffrey Adams