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I'm Roger DiRosa living in The Dalles, Oregon submitting testimony regarding HB 4134. I strongly support this bill. I had a lifelong career in the conservation arena and know how important collaboration among stake holders is to the cause of conservation and apparently, this bill has it. Anyone, whether tourist or resident, who spends time in the Oregon outdoors should favor supporting protection for species of concern, habitat protection and improvement, and other conservation initiatives. I would think most residents and tourists coming to Oregon would benefit one way or another, and property owners of wildlands and consumptive users such as fishers and hunters could benefit even more. I'm well aware of the large amount of revenue brought into states from bird and other wildlife watchers, hikers/campers and others with wildlife and wildlands interests. Data have shown many people are happy to contribute to such a cause even if they are very limited users of wildlands or wildlife viewers. Just knowing it is there is good enough for many.