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My name is Amy Hunter and I live in Portland, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment. As an Oregonian who reveres our natural environment, I want to see our extraordinary landscapes, species, and the communities that rely on them thrive for generations to come. People from around the world come to our state to experience this stunning natural beauty, but our natural resources need adequate funding to be able to flourish, particularly as the impacts of climate change continue to unfold. Furthermore, we desperately need to preserve our natural ecosystems by protecting our keystone species such as beavers and salmon and their habitats.

With Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan, we already have the strategies we need to restore struggling wildlife populations and build ecological resiliency. By passing HB 4134, ODFW will be able to take real action towards these recovery plans. Not only that, but the benefits generated by this innovative solution will stretch from supporting wildlife coexistence and wildfire management plans to boosting our outdoor recreation and tourism sectors.

Backed by over 100 businesses, 70+ organizations, and bipartisan legislative sponsors, this vital bill is a chance for Oregon to step up as a leader in long-term economic success and environmental protection. Please show your support for Oregon's natural legacy and pass HB 4134 – 1 this legislative session.

Thank you,

Amy Hunter