

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 4124-1

To Chair Nathanson

Vice Chairs: Reschke, Walters, and members of the community

From Gwen Schellert, Sunnyside Environmental School

Date February 6, 2026

Dear Chair Nathanson, and members of the community.

My name is Gwen Schellert and I am a student at Sunnyside Environmental School. I'm writing to express my support for the HB 4134-1 amendment. Which aims to create a reliable funding source for the state wildlife action plan and other critical action plans.

On my 5th grade graduation trip, we were surrounded by tall trees. The amount of them created almost a wall around our campsite. The sun was gleaming. We spotted a deer once, it was standing by the wall and looking at us. My eyes couldn't believe it was there. These small moments count to make Oregon the beautiful place it is. And we need to rise up and take a move to protect what we have. I urge you to approve this house bill to take a step towards saving our planet.

We can't do this ourselves, we need you to help our earth, and while we have it, as a collective we can keep it clean and green. Please approve the house bill, as it will help us all, and life further than that. If we love the place we live in, then we should keep it as colorful as it can be.

Sincerely, Gwen Schellert, Sunnyside Environmental School

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