

To chair Nathanson, vice chairs reschke and walters and members of the committee

From Leo pressman, sunnyside environmental middle school

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HB 4134-1 testimony

Dear chair Nathanson and the rest of the committee, my name is Leo Pressman. A student at sunnyside environmental middle school and I am writing in support of HB 4134/1 to save and protect one of the only things that is keeping this world alive.

In the summer of 2025, I was at a camp (camp numanu) where we stayed in small wooden cabins with screen doors, and on 2 occasions we bumped into nature.

Occasion 1: It was mid-day (about 2-3 pm) when we were walking out to an activity and we were still putting on our shoes when maybe 50 ft. away behind another cabin a single deer stepped out, beautiful and majestic.

Then they looked back, after a couple seconds another popped out, then another, soon there was an entire family of deer right in front of us

It was beautiful.

Occasion 2: It was night and we were brushing teeth and changing cloths

When in the corner there was just a “stick”, just a “stick”.

This bathroom was connected to nature, there was no door to enter, the only doors were to the stalls and in those stalls there were spiders everywhere, so as you can see this bathroom was connected to nature, now back to the story. While I was in the bathroom changing I heard commotion outside then when I walked out I saw my cabinmates huddling around the “stick”, then it moved just a little but enough to see

it was a snake. The whole time it was a snake, a SNAKE! At first we thought it was a red back viper but quickly realised it was a garter snake.

And as you see this matter is important to me but some think that it will make Oregon “a very taxed state”, but in truth even with the tax we will be the third lowest taxed state in the US. And that tax will only be \$2.50 on a \$200 hotel room. Also it will be helping our wildlife with crossings over highways so animals can reconnect to other sides of nature that WE broke.

So I ask you to pass this bill because this bill will help support the thing keeping this planet alive

Thank you for your time, Leo Pressman

