

To Chair Nathanson, vice chairs Reschke and Walters and members of the committee
From Oliver P. Waters, Sunnyside Environmental School
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Testimony In Support Of HB4134-1

Dear Chair Nathanson, vice chairs Reschke and Walters
and members of the committee

I am Oliver Walters, an Eighth grader attending school at Sunnyside Environmental School living in Portland Oregon. I writing to you in support of HB4134-1, which dictates that a %1.25 increase in the TLT of Oregon to fund the protection of wildlife and I am here to share my story. My story is this, one summer day out backpacking mt hood with my family we woke up one morning deciding to take the small ragged side trail leading away from our campsite. Once we were prepared we hiked about a quarter of a mile until we came to a stop at the edge cliff. As we looked down we saw a vast valley spanning below us as it trailed up to the edge of a crystal clear glacier sparkling brilliantly in the sunlight as if untouched by the smog and grime of the city that was spanning below. I felt a feeling that was like no other ever before, standing in the beauty of nature pristine and pure. One of awe at the grandness of it all. Then I looked closer and noticed it was broken by a can every fifteen or so feet and I was deeply saddened by the ruin that we caused upon such a beautiful landscape my hop is that HB4134-1 will help stop this from happening in the future and protect the wildlife that calls these places home. This is why I support HB4134-1 in hope for a better world. Thank you all for your time and service to Oregon

Sincerely
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