



**Oregon Natural Desert Association Testimony on House Bill 4134
Submitted to the Oregon Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue**

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Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA) strongly supports HB 4134 to fund conservation and recovery of sensitive fish, wildlife and plant species in Oregon’s high desert and throughout the state.

ONDA is a public interest conservation organization with a mission to protect, defend, and restore Oregon’s high desert. ONDA maintains offices in Bend and Portland, and represents more than 25,000 members and supporters in Oregon and across the United States.

HB 4134 is a vital funding bill needed to conserve and recover imperiled fish, wildlife, and native plants prioritized in Oregon’s new State Wildlife Action Plan. Of more than 300 “Species of Greatest Conservation Need” listed in the plan, 100 of them are found in Oregon’s high desert. This beloved region, renowned for its rolling sagebrush grasslands, iconic mountain ranges and sparkling desert streams, is increasingly threatened by habitat loss from invasive species, wildfire and climate change. Without sustained investment, the unique and sensitive species that depend on this landscape will suffer continued declines and even extirpation.

HB 4134 would provide essential resources to conserve Oregon’s rich diversity of flora and fauna, habitat connectivity, and climate resiliency. The same legislation would also expand invasive species control, bolster law enforcement against wildlife poaching, improve state wildfire management and support the Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund. These investments are especially important to Oregon’s high desert where management seeks to carefully balance wildlife conservation across wild and working landscapes that sustain local communities, regional economies and a burgeoning outdoor recreation industry.

We urge passage of this legislation.