

Submitter: Saphya Lones

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Saphya Razaqi Lones, and I am writing from Clackamas County, Oregon to express my strong support for House Bill 4134.

I believe this bill is an important step toward protecting both our communities and our shared future. The state of our nature's health directly reflects the state of our population's health. When our air, water, land, and ecosystems are protected, our families are healthier, our children thrive, and our communities become more resilient. Conversely, when we neglect the health of our natural environment, we inevitably see negative impacts on public health and quality of life. Preserving nature also helps us reduce cost in amenities and social services, since people have incentive to exercise, take in clean air, and maintain a better sense of well being when nature is accessible.

HB 4134 recognizes this essential connection and moves us in a direction that prioritizes long-term well-being over short-term convenience. By supporting this legislation, you are affirming that the health of Oregonians and the health of our natural systems are inseparable.

I respectfully urge you to vote "Yes" on HB 4134. Thank you for your time, your service, and your commitment to the people of our state.

Sincerely,  
Saphya Razaqi Lones