

In Support of HB 1434 - 1% For Wildlife

Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee,

HB 4134 - 1% for Wildlife is important to me, Oregonians, and tourists who travel to or within Oregon for our beautiful landscapes, waterways, and wildlife.

Our wildlife serves important functions in our ecosystem. This bill will help support our wildlife as human impacts make it harder for them to survive. I am particularly concerned about the massive decline in biodiversity that we are witnessing.

This is just one example of many, undoubtedly, you are aware that bees are dying at an unprecedented rate. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, more than half of North America's 4,000 native bee species are in decline, with 1 in 4 species at risk of extinction. [1]

There is activity in academia [2] and the private sector exploring alternative ways to pollinate agriculture. I don't know about you, but I personally would prefer to have bees, moths, and other wildlife serve these functions rather than an army of drones. The private sector is certainly not going to provide pollination service for free. Wildlife and our habitat works hard everyday, they more than deserve 1% of tourism dollars for support.

This bill enjoys broad bipartisan support. Oregon treasures our wildlife whether we're in an urban city, the suburbs, rural settings, and those rugged people that live out there in the frontier. This is an easy win.

Please prioritize HB 4134's movement to the floor for a vote, and please vote yes.

Respectfully, Adam Logan

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[1] https://biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/native_pollinators/pdfs/Pollinators_in_Peril.pdf

[2] <https://interestingengineering.com/innovation/mit-robot-bees-break-pollination-record>