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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134  
Subject: Support HB 4134 — Invest 1.25% for Oregon Wildlife

Dear Senators and Members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 4134 and to urge you to vote YES as it advances through the Senate.

As an avid outdoorsman here in Oregon, I spend significant time in our forests, high desert, rivers, and backcountry. What I see on the ground is increasingly concerning: growing pressure on fragile habitats, more visible misuse of public lands, and a widening gap between how much we value our natural heritage and how much we actually invest in protecting it.

HB 4134 is a practical, forward-looking step to close that gap.

Oregon's wildlife and ecosystems are foundational assets — economically, ecologically, and culturally. Yet they are being asked to absorb rising visitation, development pressure, and climate stress without a commensurate increase in dedicated funding. The result is predictable: habitat degradation, stressed species, and higher long-term management costs.

The proposed 1.25% investment for wildlife is:

Measured and responsible — a modest commitment with outsized long-term benefits

Preventative rather than reactive — funding conservation now is far cheaper than restoration later

Aligned with Oregon values — protecting the landscapes and species that define this state

Supportive of rural economies — healthy wildlife and lands sustain recreation, tourism, and outdoor industries

Importantly, this is not about restricting access to our wild places. It is about ensuring they remain healthy, resilient, and available for future generations of Oregonians who hunt, fish, hike, camp, and work on the land.

From what I see in the field, the status quo is not sufficient. We are loving our wild places hard — and without smarter, dedicated investment, the damage will compound.

HB 4134 is a prudent, bipartisan opportunity to act before small problems become expensive crises.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 4134 and help secure a stable, dedicated funding stream for Oregon's wildlife and habitats.

Thank you for your time and for your service to Oregon.

Sincerely,

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