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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Please support HB 4134! Our wildlife habitats are shrinking and we need to help create healthy habitats (which usually also create healthy water systems). If we don't start intentionally working on this now--it will all be gone!

--HB 4134 provides long-term, dedicated funding for conservation. This bill would secure sustainable funding to recover Oregon's most at-risk species and habitats, including sagebrush ecosystems, connected wildlife corridors, and resilient landscapes that support biodiversity statewide.

--Healthy wildlife and habitats are essential to Oregon's economy. Oregon's outdoor recreation and tourism economy depends on healthy lands and waters. The outdoor economy contributes 2.6% of Oregon's GDP, supports 192,000 jobs, and generates \$16 billion in consumer spending.

--We cannot have a strong tourism economy without healthy ecosystems. Protecting fish, wildlife, and habitats is not separate from economic vitality—it is foundational to it. Investing in conservation now supports local communities and long-term economic resilience.

Plus, it is part of our heritage! Healthy habitats and vibrant species, are central to what makes Oregon special and to why people choose to live, visit, and recreate here. Thanking you in advance for your support.

Thank you,
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