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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue

I am writing in support of HB 4134.

HB 4134 is a bold, proactive solution to directly help at-risk species and habitats. Currently, the Oregon Dept of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) does not receive any dedicated funds from the state for the recovery and conservation of such species and habitats.

At the same time, we are facing the environmental devastation that would result from Executive Orders that promote destroying our state's forests and sensitive ecosystems, as well as legislation this session that would promote logging over habitat recovery efforts.

Thus, Oregon wildlife and our environment in general is under siege. Habitat is decreasing, and the state and private interests are destroying more mature forests and sensitive ecosystems without regard to the wildlife. HB 4134 would help reverse this trend, to the benefit of wildlife and all of us.

In Benton county, a number of organizations would be able to access a stable source of funds to preserve wildlife and habitat if HB 4123 passes. These include:

- Chintimini Wildlife Center, which received no funding from the state in 2025, is the only place in the Willamette Valley where people can take an injured animal. They operate a wildlife hospital that is open to admit injured and orphaned wildlife 365 days a year. In all cases, the goal is to rehabilitate and release the animal back into its natural habitat. The hospital also serves as an internship host site, educates volunteers on our local flora and fauna, and shares patient stories to help educate our community on the issues wildlife in our region face. We need to fund this center with stable sources of revenue.
- The Sustainability Coalition in Corvallis has a very active group that works to restore waterways, wetlands, and replace invasive species with native species of plants in our parks and along some farmland boundaries.

Please vote YES on HB 4134. Thank you.