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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

To: Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Finance and Revenue

I am writing to express my full support for HB 4134.

Over 300 species are facing extinction in Oregon. Eleven key habitat areas are at risk. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife needs dedicated funding to implement the plans they have developed for habitat restoration in order to recover the 300 species. HB 4134 is a bold, proactive solution to this lack of funding.

In addition to protecting habitat, natural areas, and threatened species, this bill will also help strengthen Oregon's outdoor tourism economy which is 2.6% of the state's GDP. The tourism economy supports 192,000 jobs and \$16 billion in consumer spending. Investing in our natural resources now will continue to generate more economic opportunities for Oregon's communities in the future.

Thank you for voting YES on this bill.