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Testimony for HB 4134 from Sustainable Northwest

Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, Members of the Committee

For the record, my name is Daniel Whelan and I am the Director of Government Affairs for Sustainable Northwest, a conservation organization that works closely with local, state, federal, and tribal governments along with philanthropic funders to leverage funding to improve natural resource outcomes for tribes, rural communities, and rural economies.

Sustainable Northwest strongly supports HB 4134 for the reasons that you have heard about today. We come at this issue from decades of experience with partnerships, grants and agreements. The key to funding so many of our efforts has been nonfederal MATCHING FUNDS.

HB 4134 will provide critical match funding and agency staff to tap into larger funding sources from federal agencies and philanthropic foundations. A brief list of grant programs that require match money include:

- North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants
- Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Grants
- Pittman–Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act Grants
- Dingell–Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act Grants
- Migratory Bird Conservation Act Grants
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) competitive grants
- Tribal Wildlife Grants
- America the Beautiful Challenge Grants
- USDA Regional Conservation Partnership Program
- The Doris Duke Foundation grants
- The Wilberforce Foundation grants
- The David and Lucile Packard Foundation grants

THE LIST GOES ON. ALL OF THESE GRANTS AND PROGRAMS
REQUIRE MATCH FUNDING.

Every year Oregon leaves money on the table when we don't have the
agency staff or the match money to take advantage of these resources.

Please support HB 4134. Thank you.