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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Birds matter. Habitat matters. Any reasonable person knows they MUST be protected to continue life on the planet. The petty social vacillations are LESS important than long term habitat sustainability. Therefore it is critical that this legislation is passed.

If passed, this legislation would provide Oregonians a once in a generation opportunity to make huge strides in wildlife protection by:

Providing ~\$25 million annually to protect and improve Oregon's species and habitats of greatest conservation needs

Creating a wildlife stewardship program to educate the public on wildlife interactions, resolving wildlife conflicts, and establishing a grant program to support Oregon's wildlife rehabilitation centers which serve on the front lines of human-wildlife interactions

Bolstering anti-poaching and invasive species management across the state

Providing needed funds into the Oregon Conservation and Recreation fund for wildlife conservation

Supporting wildfire prevention

Thank you for doing your job, and thinking about the REAL future,
Suzan Heglin