



**YAMHILL SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

February 1, 2024

The Honorable Ken Helm and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Statement from Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District in support of HB 4148

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District, we extend our resounding support for House Bill 4148, addressing wildlife corridors, invasive species, and zoonotic disease prevention. Recognizing the interplay of these critical issues for the health of our environment and communities, we support your dedicated efforts to create a strategy that addresses these interconnected challenges.

This legislative effort serves the overarching goal of natural resource conservation, promoting a balance between human activities and the preservation of Oregon's diverse and valuable ecosystems. As the Board of Directors of Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District, we firmly believe that these proposed legislative measures, collectively addressing wildlife corridors, invasive species, and zoonotic disease prevention, will make a significant and positive impact on the health and resilience of our ecosystems. We wholeheartedly support HB 4148, recognizing its significance in preserving our diverse ecosystems and protecting the well-being of our communities.

Thank you for your dedication to these critical matters. We trust that your leadership will guide the successful implementation of these proposed measures for the benefit of our state and its residents.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the District Board,

Barbara Boyer
District Chair