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Dear Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Hartman and Owens, and House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 4148, the Wildlife Package. I serve as the climate policy manager at 350PDX, a grassroots environmental nonprofit with thousands of members in the Portland area, advocating for climate justice.

We commend this bipartisan bill and are grateful for the legislators, experts, and caring individuals who put this package together. Like you, we are concerned about the diseases and invasive species that are causing harm to ecosystems and wildlife in Oregon. We want to keep wildlife as safe as possible through safe passage corridors.

Wildlife and plant diseases and invasive species are an increasing concern in an era of climate change. As temperatures rise and we experience warmer, wetter winters, the range of insects and diseases harmful to wildlife, humans, and ecosystems are expanding. As ranges of invasive species expand, native species have a harder time surviving in the changed climate with increased competition. It is imperative that we work to stop and reverse the impacts of climate change, and that in the meantime, we protect our ecosystems from these harmful impacts through the increased funding, research, education, and infrastructure solutions made possible in this bill.

We urge you to vote yes for HB 4148 to protect and restore the health of Oregon's wildlife so our social and ecological systems can thrive and our descendants can enjoy the robust beauty of our state into the future.

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Building the climate justice movement.