

**Testimony against passage of HB3213 - Sue Densmore – 541-944-1139**  
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**Good Morning – Chair Hudson and members of the Committee**

**I am Sue Densmore – a native Oregonian from Lake County! I credit my participation in 4-H, and the remarkable Lake County Scholarship program – the Daly Fund as to how I was able to attend and graduate from OSU.**

**Currently I serve as the President of the Board of Trustees of the OSU 4-H Foundation - an associate of the non-profit OSU Foundation.** The donated funds of the 4-H Foundation are managed by the OSU Foundation who provide legal, accounting, bookkeeping, data management, and trust administrative services.

- Given the relationship between the OSU Foundation and the 4H Foundation, we are concerned about the impact of HB 3213 will have on the 4H Foundation
- In each state, 4-H programs and the Extension Service are run by a land-grant university. Oregon State University is Oregon's land-grant university, Programs are developed for young people in grades k to 12. 4-H members live on farms, in small towns, suburbs, and cities

The Oregon 4-H program reaches over 100,000 young people a year. There are 4-H programs in 35 of the 36 Counties in Oregon. About 5,000 volunteer leaders are involved.

One Example: The 4-H Thriving Model, developed by OSU Extension's Mary Arnold and now being adopted nationwide. **We know Beavers are problem solvers!**

- Oregon 4-H'ers learn about robotics, welding, entomology, photography, honeybees, forestry, art, conservation, gardening, sewing, Foods and Nutrition and more.
- **We teach agriculture and animal science to over 10,000 Oregon kids each year and you can be in a club with your cat or dog!**

- **A 4-H Babysitter Training Program** helps equip youths ages 10 and up with essential childcare. These skills address the shortage of Day Care and offer a future career opportunity.

**The 4-H Foundation mission is to advance Oregon 4-H through acquisition of resources and developing partnerships to expand outreach, and maximizing stewardship of resources, grants and awards.**

- HB 3213 would create an unnecessary administrative burden on the 4H Foundation staff of two.
- The 4-H Foundation has volunteers and donors across the state, in large and small communities, and it is unclear what public good will be accomplished by imposing additional scrutiny on their efforts to support these program and making their personal information and correspondence publicly available.
- Why would we want to make it harder for donors and volunteers who want to support youth programs in their community?

Thank you for your attention and the important work you are doing for all of us.

I hope you will look up the 4-H programs in your community. With over 6 million members – across the United States - 4-Hers are everywhere! You probably know more 4-H'ers and 4-H alumni than you think.

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