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I am writing in support of SB1131. I have spent nearly a year with Chintimini Wildlife Center as an intern and volunteer, and have had the opportunity to witness firsthand the influence Chintimini has on wildlife and the community. During times of uncertainty and hardship, connecting with and learning about the natural world brings people hope and a sense of community and belonging. I have seen countless children and adults inspired and educated by the hard work of Chintimini staff and volunteers, despite their extremely limited resources. I have also been amazed at the amount of love and support that is brought by the community each time I assist with educational outreach events. This wildlife center means a lot to the Willamette Valley area. This grant would allow Chintimini's Wildlife Education Program more opportunities to reach people from all backgrounds with their message of conservation and curiosity.