

Submitter: Katie Harvey
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1131

My name is Katie Harvey and I am writing to support SB 1131, in favor of awarding a grant to the Chintimini Wildlife Center.

My love and interest in wildlife came early in life, as my mother was a volunteer at the Gold Country Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in California. Every spring, we raised barn swallows in a spare bathroom and my empathy for the wild world grew.

Educating the public, particularly children, on the majesty and fragility of the natural world is of utmost importance to preserve our beautiful earth. as Chintimini is the only remaining wildlife rehabilitation center in the Willamette Valley, their need for support is unmatched. In addition to rehabilitation of wildlife, their work in nature education is paramount, and offers nearby OSU students majoring in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Sciences the opportunity to gain hands-on learning. As a lifelong educator, this is a critical part of the work Chintimini does.