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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and
Water

Measure: HB3159

To Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Hartman, Members of the Committee:

Please support HB 3159. I'm a somewhat frequent outdoor recreation seeker in Oregon. Like many Oregonians, I enjoy hiking in our wilderness areas, as well as snowshoeing or cross country skiing in the winter. Also, Oregon's scenery and wild places are a large part of what attracts visitors to the state. Saving as many currently endangered species, and even restoring them to the point they are no longer endangered would be an important goal in its own right, but is also important for the health of our tourism industry. Given that connection, it seems a very modest increase in Oregon's transient lodging tax would make a huge difference in the work of protecting these species and would be justified.

Thank you for your work serving your communities and your state.