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I support a 1.5% increase to the state transient lodging tax (TLT) to generate money for critical programs such as the Oregon Conservation and Nearshore Strategy. Even with this increase, Oregon would still have the fourth-lowest state TLT in the country. However, the benefits for our state's mammals, birds, fish, amphibians, pollinators and their habitats would be substantial and literally, life-changing. Oregon is fortunate to be home to a unique and diverse range of native fish, wildlife and plant species. It's what makes our state so special. However, because of mounting pressures from climate change and the biodiversity crisis, the truth is that nearly 300 of them are at an elevated risk of extinction. We must do all we can as soon as we can to protect the biodiversity that makes this planet a vibrant and livable place for all of Earth's inhabitants.