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Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke, Vice Chair Walters and members of The House Committee on Revenue

I'm submitting testimony today in strong support of HB 2977 which increases the state transient lodging tax 1% to support efforts for the conservation and recovery for Oregon's threatened species and habitats. This modest increase would generate vital revenue for the agency to carry out Oregon's state action plan. In the current update, the agency has identified at least 330 species of greatest conservation need and 201 species of greatest information need that would be prioritized for this funding. Without this funding ODFW will not have the resources to implement this plan to support these species. This lack of funding endangers them and is critical for their survival. Oregon needs to step up and do more for it's wildlife and in particular its at risk species.

Please support this important measure.