

Submitter: Sierra Roberts
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2977, a bill to secure long-term, dedicated funding to recover Oregon's most imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Oregon is an incredibly special place; home to a diverse array of flora, fauna, and the habitats that support them. Unfortunately, climate change and other natural and human-made impacts put their future at risk.

There are nearly 300 species of greatest conservation need and 11 habitats of conservation concern. To combat this – and ensure all species thrive in Oregon – we need bold, proactive investments in their recovery.

HB 2977 would do just that by providing a steady, sustainable source of funds to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity – all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy.

Oregon prides itself on its environment and biodiversity, so the least that can be done to uphold this is actually taking care of said environment.

It is so impactful and special to set precedents on fighting climate change by protecting nature and all the flora/fauna a part of it, especially considering the political climate of the U.S. right now.

A 1% increase in lodging/tourism tax is not going to stop anybody from coming here - they most likely won't even notice!

Please support "1% for Wildlife" by passing HB 2977 today. Be cool, progressive and environmentally conscious people and pass this bill please!

Sincerely,

Sierra Roberts

-A concerned Oregonian who does not want to lose the amazing environment that is Oregon.