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I am writing to submit testimony to demonstrate my strong support for HB 2977.

One of the top reasons why my family and I live in Oregon is the beautiful natural landscapes and the critical wildlife habitat they provide. Between the dueling crises of climate change and the extinction crisis, it is imperative that we take whatever steps necessary to protect this part of Oregon's treasured natural heritage and conserve the myriad of wildlife species that make Oregon so incredibly special.

For the 294 at-risk species that are considered "of greatest conservation need," this modest 1% tax increase is a no-brainer. Oregon will still have one of the lowest transient lodging tax rates in the country and we'll be able to better support the native wildlife species that help drive our tourism economy. And the impacts on Oregon's Conservation Strategy will be profound. Please support HB 2977.