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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Dear House Revenue Committee members:

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2977, which would increase Oregon's Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) by a mere 1% and dedicate the proceeds to protecting Oregon's wildlife. This will ensure long-term, sustainable funding for the protection of our state's most imperiled wildlife and fish species and their habitats.

ODFW has identified nearly 300 species at elevated risk of extinction in Oregon. However, current state funds are simply inadequate to fully fund the agency's work to address these risks. Without adequate, reliable and sustained funding, ODFW is unable to effectively implement our State Wildlife Action Plan. HB 2977 is the answer: It will provide a reliable, long-term funding source that will not be affected by the the biennial general fund allocation process.

Please support HB 2977, which is a common-sense approach to ensuring ODFW has the funds it needs to conserve and recover Oregon's most threatened wildlife, fish and their habitats for this and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dan Jaffee