

Submitter: Amanda Powell

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Reschke, Vice-Chair Walters and committee members,

I urge you to support HB 2977. As I'm sure you know, this bill will increase Oregon's Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) by just 1% and dedicate the funds to conserving and recovering Oregon's imperiled wildlife and their habitat. As I see it, this is only fair! Healthy habitats and thriving wildlife are among the biggest draw, for our state's thriving outdoor recreation and tourism economy. This way, visitors help support what they have come to see. Yet their outlay will be very low. Even this increase – moving the TLT from 1.5% to 2.5% – leaves Oregon's rate still among the lowest in the nation.

For an excellent summary of the bill's benefits: <https://www.cascwild.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/1-for-Wildlife.pdf?sourceid=&emci=3d3b0e7e-832b-f011-8b3d-6045bded8cca&emdi=5f76bcc0-932b-f011-8b3d-6045bded8cca&ceid=4303529>

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