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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2977

I support HB 2977 as it will provide protections for wildlife habitat for a modest raising of the statewide lodging tax by just 1.25 percent. That's just \$1.25 per \$10 which is what Republican co-sponsor Representative Mark Owens called "less than a cup of coffee." As the Trump Administration has rescinded the Roadless Rule for our National Forest lands, and with the order to the BLM to up the cut, it is more and more important to protect our forests and waterways not only for wildlife habitat but also for water sequestration and clarity. Wildlife need protections from traffic accidents so over pass crossings are more and more critical for diversity and survival. Please pass HB 2977.