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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

Dear Chair Nathanson and House Committee on Revenue members,

As a resident of Portland, Oregon, I am writing in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and to put that funding towards recovering Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife and habitats. People from all over the world are drawn to Oregon's lush natural areas. Preserving the wildlife and habitat in these areas supports Oregon's tourism industry. Visitors who come to enjoy our wildlife and natural spaces spend money in our communities to secure lodgings, patronize restaurants, go shopping, and take in other attractions. Investing in our wildlife and their habitats now will help our state continue to generate these economic opportunities. Oregon's tourism economy depends on our natural areas and wildlife. This legislation is a win for Oregon's economy as well as for its ecosystem. Too often, business and conservation goals are pitted against each other, but HB 4134 shows that restoring nature and promoting economic opportunities can be mutually supportive.

Please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today. Thank you for your time.