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To: [Rep. Nancy Nathanson](#), Chair, Vice Chairs [Rep. EWerner Reschke](#) and

[Rep. Jules Walters](#), Members of the [House Committee On Revenue](#)

Re: [HB 4134 – 1.25% For Wildlife – Support](#)

HB 4134 would provide badly needed resources to implement the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) by increasing the state lodging tax by 1.25% – while keeping Oregon's state lodging tax among the very lowest in the nation. Building on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services requirements, the SWAP includes strategies and actions to preserve and restore natural resources across the state, including more than 300 species of greatest conservation need that face extinction due to threats like habitat loss, pollution, and invasive species.

In addition to critical SWAP implementation, HB 4134 dedicates resources to anti-poaching efforts, wildlife connectivity, wildlife rehabilitation centers, and invasive species prevention. The bill also includes stable funding for Oregon's wolf management compensation, which aims to improve coexistence and outcomes for both farmers/ranchers and wolves. Furthermore, the bill will support wildfire risk reduction and natural resource workforce development, increasing resilience for both wildlife and communities across the state.

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that *natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future availability. Pollution of these resources should be controlled in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of ecosystems and to protect public health.*

HB 4134 represents a wise investment in not only our present and future natural resources, but also in the reason so many visitors travel to Oregon. **Oregon is fortunate to have a diverse and bountiful array of flora and fauna, and habitats that support them, which created a robust outdoor recreation economy that draws millions of visitors to Oregon each year.** This includes Oregonians and millions of non-Oregonians who visit Oregon to enjoy these opportunities and support our robust tourism industry. Despite economic concerns, trends show a rising demand for vacations, driven by a 9% increase in search interest for flights and hotels.

We urge your Support for HB 4134.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss this legislation.



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