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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue, I am writing again to strongly urge you to pass HB 4134. The benefits to wildlife and habitats in Oregon cannot be quantified because the impact reaches far beyond the short term into the future of Oregonian natural environments. These benefits directly translate into revenue for the state, as the great preponderance of tourists--across the nation and from abroad--come to Oregon specifically to behold and enjoy the state's renowned wildlife, wilderness, ocean shores, rivers, and high deserts. Even a spontaneous poll of out-of-state visitors indicate that Oregon tourists would gladly pay increased lodging taxes (and this one is tiny) if it meant that Oregon habitats and wildlife would be preserved and receive protections. And, quite simply, tourists generate dollars for Oregonians. Please pass this bill. It is an easy solution to a great and irrevocable need.