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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Nathanson and committee members,
I support 1.25% for wildlife because:

It will conserve and restore Oregon's 300+ vulnerable species and their habitats that support Oregonians livelihoods, quality of life and recreation needs.

I own a cabin in the Mt Hood Nat Forest. This bill includes stable funding for the Oregon Conservation Corps to keep Oregon's communities safe from wildfire and help build Oregon's workforce.

This is Not a Cost-of-Living Increase: The majority (65%) of those who pay the tax are visitors from other states and countries.

It doesn't Change Low Tax Ranking: Oregon has the third lowest state lodging tax rate out of all 50 states and raising the rate by 1.25 percentage points would not change that ranking. Even considering local lodging tax rates, Oregon's communities are still below, or significantly below, similarly situated out-of-state communities.