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On Behalf Of: HB 4134
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Alexa Mendez and I live in Albany, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Taking care of our local wildlife is something nearly every Oregonian agrees on - whenever someone is looking for help with a sick or injured wild animal, it's not a matter of political sides, *everyone* wants to help, whether that's a beached whale, or an orphaned squirrel, or a misplaced cougar, Oregonians' love and compassion for nature always stands out.

I sincerely hope you'll stand with Oregonians in our collective love of nature and wildlife and support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today.

Alexa Mendez