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HB4134

To Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,
My name is Annaka and I live in Boardman, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in
enthusiastic

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.
Securing long-term dedicated funding for wildlife and habitats protection, is strongly
supported by a majority of Oregonians. The funding would not only help wildlife and
habitats, but also support local communities and businesses that rely on tourism
dollars. Oregon's vast and varied outdoor tourism economy supports nearly 200,000
jobs and brings in \$16 billion in consumer spending. From my very first visit here
before I moved to Oregon years ago, nature and wildlife were at the forefront of every
activity I planned to do during my trip. Investing in these resources now will continue
to generate more economic opportunities for Oregon's communities in the future.

As I'm sure you are well aware, we cannot have a thriving tourism economy without
healthy and abundant fish, wildlife, and the habitats that support them like lakes and
rivers! This legislation would ensure we have both. At a time when the federal
government is slashing funds and dismantling policies that protect our vulnerable fish
and wildlife in their habitats, Oregon has a chance to set an example and protect our
natural heritage. Doing so would make Oregon a national leader. I can assure you
that the rest of the states are watching, and expect us to do the right thing and treat
our land with respect and dignity, protecting fish and animal species as much as
possible. I ask you today to please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134
today.

With gratitude,

Annaka Jahn