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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

My name is Melanie Loveland and I live in Portland, 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% in order to assist with and recover Oregon's fish, wildlife, and habitats.

Oregon is an incredibly special place and the more you can connect with our Wildlife the more you care and learn that it is up to us to protect them. Humans have presented such obstacles to them and it is our responsibility to step up and step in. I want my Children and Grand Children to be able to experience all that Oregon has to offer like I have had the opportunity to do since 1978 after moving here from Minnesota.

Securing long-term dedicated funding to recover our most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats, is strongly supported by a majority of Oregonians and if our wildlife had a voice they would be in full support also. Think about it: Oregon is their home.

So many of us are counting on you to pass this bill. There are no words for how urgent and important it is. Please vote Yes and pass this bill.

Thank you,

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