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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

Chair Nathanson and committee members,

I am writing to you today in support of the proposed 1.25% for wildlife tax increase.

As an Oregonian, I believe we have a shared responsibility to preserve and protect our wilderness areas and wildlife habitat for current and future generations. Oregon's natural landscapes are not only central to our identity as a state, but they are also essential to the health of our ecosystems, communities, and economy.

As a whitewater rafter, surfer, and winter sport enthusiast, I have had the opportunity to experience Oregon's diverse natural environments firsthand. Through these activities, I regularly meet people from across our state and from around the country who come to Oregon specifically to enjoy its rivers, coastline, mountains, and wildlife. These visitors contribute meaningfully to local economies, support small businesses, and reinforce Oregon's reputation as a destination defined by its natural beauty. Protecting these resources ensures that recreation, tourism, and outdoor traditions can continue to thrive.

The proposed funding would provide critical, dedicated resources to conserve wildlife habitat, address the impacts of climate change, and manage increasing pressures on our natural spaces. Investing now helps prevent greater costs in the future—both environmental and economic—by safeguarding the landscapes and species that make Oregon unique. Supporting this measure is an investment in stewardship, sustainability, and the long-term well-being of our state.

I strongly urge you to support the 1.25% for wildlife tax increase and help ensure that Oregon's natural wonders remain protected, accessible, and resilient for generations to come.

In community,
Deirdre Geddes