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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4134

I write to support HB 4134 with the -1 amendment. Care and stewardship, and even recovery, of Oregon's habitats and species are vital for our tourism industry and our well being and safety. The revenue sourcing in this bill will be affordable. The Conservation Corps will work to reduce fire risks and increase community resilience. Wildlife stewardship is of great importance. ODFW needs state funding dedicated to species recovery and conservation, as it is currently vague, I understand. I believe the Dept of Justice should have funding to go after poachers. We can't depend on the Feds, so we must identify our priorities and seek funding. Having just enjoyed two nights as a coastal tourist, I would readily pay the modest increase of 1.25%, which still would rank Oregon as low in the lodging tax categories country-wide.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 4134 this legislative session and pass it with the -1 amendment.

Sincerely,

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