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This bill would create a modest increase in the state transient lodging tax to provide a long-term funding source to protect and restore imperiled fish, wildlife, and habitats across the state. This modest increase is well worth at to protect Oregon's natural resources and imperiled species. After all, visitors come here to enjoy our natural wonderland. For the high desert, this legislation could provide real, sustained investment in sagebrush-steppe restoration, wildlife connectivity, invasive species control, and wildfire resilience—work that is essential to keeping these ecosystems whole and thriving.

Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan now identifies more than 300 species of greatest conservation need. Without stable funding, we risk continued decline of the very landscapes and wildlife that define this place and inspire so many of us.