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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Revenue

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HB4134

Hello, I live in Bend Oregon and am writing in strong SUPPORT of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats by increasing the state lodging tax by 1.25%.

HB 4134 provides long-term, dedicated funding for conservation. This bill would secure sustainable funding to recover Oregon's most at-risk species and habitats, including sagebrush ecosystems, connected wildlife corridors, and resilient landscapes that support biodiversity statewide.

Healthy wildlife and habitats are essential to Oregon's economy. Oregon's outdoor recreation and tourism economy depends on healthy lands and waters. We cannot have a strong tourism economy without healthy ecosystems. Protecting fish, wildlife, and habitats is not separate from economic vitality—it is foundational to it. Investing in conservation now supports local communities and long-term economic resilience.

Thanks for your efforts and consideration.

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