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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Paul Schlegelmann and I live in Corvallis, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

I have lived in Oregon the longest period of any of the four states I have lived in because our state has amazing natural features including mountains, ocean, forests, wildlife, etc. My family and I have spent thousands of days enjoying these natural resources.

However, we have seen a decline in the natural habitats and associated wildlife over the past 30+ years.

It is extremely critical to set aside dedicated funding to help recover our most vulnerable habitats and wildlife. This will help improve our important tourism industry and help retain and attract citizens who love our natural heritage.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect our natural legacy and rich biodiversity, which make this state so special. Please pass HB 4134 this legislative session!

Thank you,  
Paul Schlegelmann