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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

hair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Dawn Daniels and I live in Corvallis, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats. I am a past volunteer at Chintimini Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and know the good work done there for Oregon's injured and orphaned native wildlife despite being severely underfunded. This measure would be hugely helpful to the rehabilitation centers who do such important work..

Securing long-term dedicated funding for wildlife and habitats protection, is strongly supported by a majority of Oregonians. The funding would not only help wildlife and habitats, but also support local communities and businesses that rely on tourism dollars.

We cannot have a thriving tourism economy without healthy and abundant fish, wildlife, and the habitats that support them. This legislation would ensure we have both. At a time when the federal government is slashing funds and dismantling policies that protect our vulnerable fish and wildlife and their habitats, Oregon has a chance to set an example and protect our natural heritage. Doing so would make Oregon a national leader.

Please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today.

Dawn Daniels