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My name is Judy Todd. I live in Portland Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of HB 4134 to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% because it will help in recovering more of Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats. We are blessed here, me for by 78 years of living in Oregon, as third generation now, because of the rich natural heritage, including native fish, wildlife, and the habitats that support them. This was passed on to me, and I want it to be passed along to my grandchildren, even in the current degraded condition. We can continue to improve it with this tax money.

I urge you to support this landmark bill to dedicate long-term funding to recover Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife and habitats. The source of the funds come from people and companies and organizations who benefit from the health of these vulnerable places and species. Especially in these current times, 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 for now and into the future.

Thank you for your support and please pass HB 4134 this legislative session!