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House Committee On Revenue

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HB4134

My name is Stephen Parsons, I am 77 years old, and an Oregon born lifetime resident of this beautiful state. I grew up on a small ranch on the Rogue River, and have fished, hunted, and photographed wildlife all across the state. I strongly support increasing the lodging tax to support our fish and wildlife, and our very diverse habitats,

Oregon's environment is under ever increasing pressure from stresses such as climate change, an increasing population, and the desire utilize more and more our natural resources. We need to protect our fish, wildlife, and habitat for our future generations. I very much care that we preserve and protect these gifts of nature for those that follow in our footsteps.

HB 4134 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 fish, wildlife and habitats are essential to Oregon's economy and future.

The leadership of the Oregon legislature is crucial, and By passing this bill, Oregon can set an example for how states can proactively protect biodiversity, reduce wildfire risk, support wildlife stewardship, and sustain healthy ecosystems.