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HB4134

I've lived in Oregon for about 50 years, and Oregon's natural beauty and ecological health are very important to me. I'm writing in support of HB 4134 for wildlife because it is a bold, proactive solution to directly help at-risk species and valuable habitats, and it invests in wildfire risk reduction and community resiliency. Win win!

Currently, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) does not receive any dedicated funds from the state for the recovery and conservation of such species and habitats. HB 3134 would modestly increase Oregon's statewide transient lodging tax, currently one of the lowest in the country, by 1.25%. Oregon's TLT would remain one of the lowest in the country and the money would provide a sustainable source of funds to ODFW to recover Oregon's most imperiled species and habitat and enhance biodiversity, as well as fund the Oregon Conservation Corps to invest in wildfire risk reduction - all of which contribute to Oregon's tourism and outdoor recreation economy. I am very eager to pass HB 4134. Thank you.