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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

Good afternoon members of the House Revenue Committee: I'm a 32 year resident of our state and am writing today in strong support of HB 4134, which would provide a stable source of non-General Fund revenue for underfunded fish and wildlife programs in our great state. Oregon is blessed to have incredible landscapes — rainforests, rivers, deserts, and oceans — which provide unique habitats for an array of iconic species that call our state home. However, programs to ensure these species and habitats persist into the future are chronically underfunded and are not prioritized.

A modest 1.25% increase in the transient lodging tax in Oregon will provide a lifeline for species and their habitats in Oregon. When I think of Oregon and what makes it so special, I think of its outstanding biodiversity and species that reside here — gray wolves, black bears, river otters, and western pond turtles. Please stand with Oregonians and businesses across the state who would like to create a stable source of revenue to ensure these species and their habitats persist for this generation and those to come. I encourage you to vote yes on HB 4134.

Thank you.

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