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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

As an Oregonian I support HB4134 and ask that you do to.

The Oregon legislature has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect our state's natural legacy and rich biodiversity. HB 4134 is a proactive solution to directly help at-risk species and habitats. It would raise the statewide transient lodging tax, a tax paid by visitors when booking short-term rentals such as hotel and Airbnb stays, by 1.25% to fund wildlife conservation programs. This will bring no harm, only good!

HB 4134 would also fund important programs that address climate change and protect biodiversity, like 1) Oregon's State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP): Oregon's blueprint to protect and recover our imperiled species and habitats, 2) Wildlife Stewardship Program, including supporting wildlife rehabilitation facilities 3) Anti-poaching efforts within the Oregon Department of Justice 4) Oregon Conservation Corps: Investment into wildfire risk reduction, community resiliency and natural resources workforce development.