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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4134

I urge you to vote in favor of HB 4134: "1% for Wildlife."

As a retired wildlife researcher, I know of the important role each wildlife species contributes to sustainable ecosystems in which they reside. Each ecosystem, in turn, leads to the existence of Planet Earth. Yet in the state of Oregon, funding is lacking for too many vulnerable nongame species and the habitats in which they live. Why? Don't we want our Planet to survive?

Bill HB 4134 adds just 1.25% to the statewide Tourism Lodging Tax. This is only "pocket change" to those people who come here to take advantage of Oregon's natural resources. But, to the affected wildlife and related programs covered in this bill, it could mean life or death!

Please make your vote count as a Yes for wildlife and related conservation programs in our beautiful state of Oregon by passing HB 4134.

Thank you.