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My name is Tom Merrick and I live in Tigard, Oregon. I am submitting this testimony in strong support

of HB 4134 with the -1 amendment to increase the state lodging tax by 1.25% and help recover

Oregon's most vulnerable fish, wildlife, and habitats.

In this time of limited resources please let our residents and visitors support a more bountiful Oregon for all of us to enjoy!

I urge you to support this landmark bill. Oregon's robust outdoor tourism economy - 2.6% of the state's GDP -

supports 192,000 jobs and brings in \$16 billion in consumer spending.

Investing in these resources now will continue to generate more economic opportunities for Oregon's communities in the future.

Oregon has a chance to set an example and protect our natural heritage. Doing so would make Oregon a national leader.

This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to protect our natural legacy and rich biodiversity,

Please pass HB 4134 -1 this legislative session.

Thank you, Tom Merrick