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the majority of Oregonians have always supported keeping our wildlife and environment in the optimum. This bill will conserve and restore Oregon's 300+ vulnerable species and their habitats. Thei also preserves these areas for recreational needs as well. Wildlife conservation also increases tourism. This has bipartisan support and establishes stable funding. Why it didn't pass last time, is beyond me. I worked in the hospitality industry for many years and those naysayers who think the 1.25% increased lodging tax will hurt tourism is GREATLY exaggerating the effects of this tax. Most people will not notice an additional \$1.25 on a \$100 hotel room. The very idea that this miniscule tax will hurt conventions coming to Portland or anywhere else is again extremely ludicrous. Most conventioneers pay for the hotel rooms, themselves and if that were the case then conventions would never be going to Chicago or New York City. Please support and get this bill passed this session--our wildlife and their habitats need you to stand up for them. Thank you.