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HB4134

I would like to voice my support for HB4134. The State needs to take steps to promote conservation of our wildlife rather than relying on the Federal government to fund such efforts. That's not going to happen, so we need to take steps on our own, and a lodging tax is a good way to do this since many of our visitors our tourists that are coming to enjoy our splendid outdoors. We need to be the stewards for our own wildlife, and we need to have funding dedicated to this cause. Additionally, the Oregon Conservation Corps funding will help to build resilience in our ecosystems across the state, in addition to making the next generation of wildlife and wildland stewards. I am not a person that generally supports increasing taxes, but the State has a very low lodging tax by comparison, and we need dedicated funding for our natural resources so that we have funds available that are "above" whatever politics are playing out in Salem. Please support this important bill to ensure that wildlife has a chance in the future.