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HB4134

Chair Nathanson and members of the House Committee on Revenue,

My name is Catharine and I live in Gresham, 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.

I have lived in Oregon most of my life, but I have traveled enough to appreciate Oregon's uniquely beautiful and diverse nature areas. In a world of increasing disregard for nature and its valuable resources, habitats for birds and animals, clean air and water, I believe it is crucial to take these protections seriously, not only for Oregonians, but for the many tourists who visit our beautiful state every year, and for the Oregonians with businesses who thrive on tourism.

I passionately agree with this quote: "We cannot have a thriving tourism economy without healthy and abundant fish, wildlife, and the habitats that support them. This legislation would ensure we have both. At a time when the federal government is slashing funds and dismantling policies that protect our vulnerable fish and wildlife and their habitats, Oregon has a chance to set an example and protect our natural heritage. Doing so would make Oregon a national leader."

Please support "1.25% for Wildlife" by passing HB 4134 today.

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